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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government

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Asked By: SENATOR JOYCE

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Senator JOYCE—Have they had any discussions with local government about where all these cycling tracks are going to go?

Ms Beauchamp—I would have to take that one on notice. I am not too sure what consultation we have had.

Senator JOYCE—Have you had any discussion whatsoever or has anything come across your table, Ms Beauchamp, about a new direction in cycling for this nation?

Ms Beauchamp—It may have come across a number of officers in the department. I would have to take that on notice.

Answer:

The National Cycling Strategy 2011-2016 is the responsibility of the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, the Hon Anthony Albanese MP and he announced the Strategy on 24 September 2010.

I am advised that Australia's Transport Ministers endorsed the National Cycling Strategy in September 2010 in consultation with the Australian Bicycle Council, bicycle industry associations, user groups and local governments.

The Department of Infrastructure and Transport has advised that States and Territories will complete cycling action plans by December 2012. Local governments will take into account the state and territory plans and community priorities in developing their own plans by December 2013.