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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—.....What provision is there for funding for the national community infrastructure shortfall, which has been estimated by the PricewaterhouseCoopers report into local government on financial sustainability at \$14.5 billion?

Ms Beauchamp— We will have to take that one on notice.

Answer:

To support the provision of community infrastructure, the Government introduced the Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program which has provided over \$1 billion to local governments. The recently announced Regional Development Australia Fund will provide a further \$1 billion from 2011 to support essential economic and community infrastructure. This is in addition to current funding to local governments of over \$2 billion a year through a number of programs including Financial Assistance Grants and Roads to Recovery.