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Question:

The COAG Reform Council report on the Seamless National Economy assessed progress towards 2010-11 milestones up to 30 September 2011. The report includes a compendium of actions against these milestones as at 30 January 2012. Can you please provide details of any actions in relation to 2010-11 milestones that have occurred since 20 January, and any completed 2011-12 milestones across all reforms (in particular the 5 deregulation reforms the CRC identified as at risk – OH&S, Licensing system, Chemicals and Plastics, Mine safety and Directors' liability).

Answer:

COAG will consider its response to the COAG Reform Council report shortly which will provide more detail on specific milestones. The Personal Property Security reform commenced on 30 January 2012, bringing the number of complete deregulation reforms to 16.