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Senator PAYNE-I understand that. I would like to ask one question about the COAG Reform Council report on the seamless national economy. That was one report that the CRC indicated was due by June 2010.

What is the status of the other reports which the CRC is meant to produce by June 2010?

Dr Grimes-I am not sure we will be able to answer those questions. Mr Perry may have some information on how the CRC is travelling. To the best of my knowledge, they are travelling on time with each of their reports.

Senator PAYNE-On time, on schedule, on budget?

Dr Grimes-They have some benchmarking reports to come out on national agreements. There is a series of reports to be published shortly, in June 2010. Mr Perry can correct me if I have any of these details incorrect. There is the National Healthcare Agreement: baseline performance report; the National Disability Agreement: baseline performance report; the National affordable Housing agreement: baseline performance report; and the National Indigenous reform agreement: baseline performance report. I understand each of those are on track at the moment. Mr Perry indicates that is the case. Later, in August 2010, the CRC is proposing to report on the aggregate pace of activity across the COAG reform agenda-the National Partnership Agreement on the Elective Surgery Waiting List Reduction and its annual progress report?and then other reports are later in 2010, running into 2011. We could always provide further information to you from the CRC. I do not think that would be a problem at all.

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Answer:

The COAG Reform Council has completed the following reports:

- submitted to COAG 30 September 2009/released publicly 5 November 2009:
 - *National Education Agreement: Baseline performance report for 2008*
 - *National Agreement for Skills and workforce Development: Baseline performance report for 2008*
- submitted to COAG 23 December 2009/released publicly 23 February 2010:
 - *National Partnership Agreement to Deliver a Seamless National Economy: Report on Performance 2008-09*
- submitted to COAG 30 April 2010/released publicly 4 June 2010:
 - *National Healthcare Agreement: Baseline performance report for 2008-09*
 - *National Disability Agreement: Baseline performance report for 2008-09*
 - *National Affordable Housing Agreement: Baseline performance report for 2008-09*
 - *National Indigenous Reform Agreement: Baseline performance report for 2008-09.*

The COAG Reform Council is due to complete the following report to COAG by 30 June 2010 (this report will be released publicly in August 2010):

- *National Partnership Agreement on Elective Surgery Waiting List Reduction Plan: Assessment report.*

The COAG Reform Council is due to complete the following report to COAG by 30 July 2010 (this report will be released publicly in August 2010):

- *COAG reform agenda: Report on progress 2010.*

The COAG Reform Council's second report to COAG on the *National Partnership Agreement to Deliver a Seamless National Economy* is due to COAG by 31 December 2010.