

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**BUDGET ESTIMATES 2011-2012**

Finance and Deregulation Portfolio

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**Senator:** Payne

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**Question:**

The COAG Reform Council has said that the legal profession reforms were incomplete due to unresolved issues about funding leading to a draft intergovernmental agreement remaining outstanding.

- a) Have funding issues been resolved?
- b) How much funding is/was required to remedy this?
- c) Has this IGA been completed?

**Answer:**

At its meeting on 13 February 2011, COAG agreed in principle to settle reforms to legal profession regulation by May 2011 (with the exception of Western Australia and South Australia).

COAG is expected to consider recommendations from COAG Senior Officials on legal profession reforms at its mid-year meeting.