

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government

Budget Estimates 25 May 2011

Question: 20

Topic: ALGA Activities

Asked By: Senator JOYCE

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Senator JOYCE: Can you table for us the information they gave you as to the sorts of activities they were proposing?

Ms Foster: I do not have it to hand, but I can do that on notice.

Answer:

The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) is required to use the funding provided by the Commonwealth to raise the profile of constitutional recognition of local government, particularly in local communities, and to assist ALGA to support local councils in engaging their communities on this issue.

ALGA has advised that the funding will be used for the following activities:

- further market research/polling to inform messaging in materials;
- materials for a model council campaign (toolkit) including articles and editorial information and question and answer sheets on constitutional recognition;
- expanding and developing their new website;
- holding state seminars/meetings to develop a long term plan;
- presence at conferences and events for local government; and
- presentations at state conferences by George Williams, the ALGA President and/or the ALGA CEO.

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ALGA is required to acquit its expenditure of the \$250,000 grant funding by 30 July 2012.