

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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**Asked By: Senator HUMPHRIES**

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What compelling powers will the taskforce and inspectorate have at their disposal to review contracts and state government spending?

**Answer:**

Under the National Partnership Agreements, the Queensland and Victorian State governments are required to provide relevant information and documentation to the Commonwealth to allow the NDRRA funding to be tracked from its source to the point of final expenditure or its final recipient.