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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government

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Asked By: Senator JOYCE

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The intergovernmental agreement on cost shifting was due for review before 12 February 2011. Can you please provide an update on what arrangements have been put in place for the review process to take place?

Answer:

The Inter-governmental Agreement Establishing Principles to Guide Inter-governmental Relations on Local Government Matters (the IGA) was due to be reviewed by the Local Government Planning Ministers' Council (LGPMC), or its successor Ministerial Council, by April 2011.

As part of the arrangements for winding-up the LGPMC (as part of the Council of Australian Governments' Ministerial Council reforms), the Minister for Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government, the Hon Simon Crean MP, wrote on 2 June 2011 to the other signatories to the IGA that is, state and territory local government Ministers and the President of the Australian Local Government Association proposing a process to progress the review.