Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Senator: Senator Payne

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Question:

What efforts are being made by COAG to extend code assessment to commercial and industrial developments, stated by the PC to be required for the achievement of available benefits from development assessment reforms?

Answer:

COAG agreed on 13 April 2012 the States and Territories would examine reforms that could be undertaken at the State and Territory level to improve development assessment processes. This is to include considering adoption of ambitious targets to improve development assessment processes for discussion at the next Business Advisory Forum meeting.