

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Senator: Senator Ludlam

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Question:

Mr Elton: I have to refer that question to representatives of the department or the Commonwealth government rather than take it myself because it is not really a question that the COAG Reform Council can answer. In terms of the broad thrust of your question about where to from here, I think that is better directed to the department.

Ms Taylor: COAG considered the capital city strategic report at its April meeting. COAG noted the report and referred that to the Standing Council on Transport and Infrastructure for advice. At this point in time, that report is being considered by that standing council. I have not received any update from that council since COAG met on how it is taking that issue forward. I can take that on notice for you.

Answer:

On 13 April 2012, COAG considered the COAG Reform Council's (CRC) report Review of capital city strategic planning systems and agreed that continued intergovernmental collaboration, including further work on cities, be taken forward by the Standing Council on Transport and Infrastructure (SCOTI).

At its meeting on 18 May 2012, SCOTI noted the findings of the CRC's report and published its response on its website on 5 June 2012, which can be found at the following address:

http://www.scoti.gov.au/publications/files/SCOTI_response_to_the_CRC_report.pdf