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Question:

Senator PAYNE: Okay. I wanted to ask some questions about the development assessment process. It seems to me that development assessment issues at the COAG level have been handled, at different times in recent years, by different working groups and different initiatives, some tied up with the partnership arrangements through Housing itself and other funding in that space. But at the very least we have the Housing Supply and Affordability Reform Working Party material; we have the Business Advisory Forum raising concerns about delays in development assessments; and we have the COAG Reform Council"s Seamless national economy report of 2010-11 concerned about two of the originally agreed outputs not being completed, and a number of other issues. Notwithstanding the fact that COAG appears to have declared that the original DA reforms were complete with the finalisation of the review by the Housing Supply and Affordability Reform Working Party, as far as I am aware there has been no release of that report, some years after the DA reforms were agreed to by COAG and six years after it was nominated as one of the six priority cross-jurisdictional policy hot spots, for want of a better phrase. Will that report actually be released?

Mr Hazlehurst: I do not have that information in front of me, I am sorry. I will have to take that question on notice.

Answer:

The final Housing Supply and Affordability Reform (HSAR) Report is under consideration by COAG and is currently in the process of being approved for release.