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Question: Can you provide the committee with an update on what ministerial partnerships were completed during the year and what remain outstanding?

Answer:

Two Better Regulation Ministerial Partnerships were completed in 2012-13. These Partnerships related to reforms to provide certainty and improve the quality of regulation for the Australian offshore oil and gas industry, and reforms to reduce the number of visa sub-classes.

Three Better Regulation Ministerial Partnerships remain underway covering:

- Commonwealth anti-discrimination legislation;
- the regulatory settings and operations of the National Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment Scheme (NICNAS); and
- the legislative and policy framework for excise equivalent goods.