

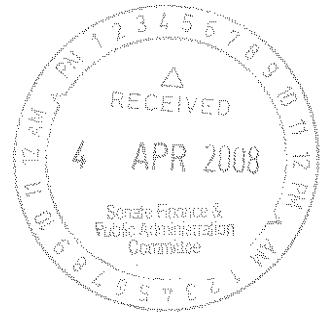
Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Additional Estimates Hearings 18 February 2008



Question: PM66

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Senator Fifield asked: Senator FIFIELD - Is it correct that the COAG Reform Council does not presently have any full-time staff?

Senator Faulkner - I am very sorry, but as you would appreciate this is an output that has long past been dealt with and the relevant officials are not here. It is really difficult for us to help you. We are happy to take these issues on notice for you, but I am sorry it is the best we can do.

Answer: On 18 February 2008 the COAG Reform Council Secretariat had one full time staff member. This staff member has since resigned for personal reasons. A new staff member commenced on 6 March 2008.

A further staff member has been temporarily seconded to the COAG Reform Council Secretariat to facilitate the handover of information from the interim Secretariat. This staff member will commence on 17 March 2008.