

## Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

### ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Additional Estimates 11-14 February 2013

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

**Outcome/Program:** 1.1.1 Domestic Policy

**Topic:** Staffing CRC & COAG Unit

**Senator:** Senator Payne

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**Question:**

Senator PAYNE: You might want to take this one on notice in relation to staffing both in the COAG Reform Council and in PM&C for COAG functions: can you indicate whether there has been any net increase or decrease in the staffing levels in both areas for COAG functions during 2012-13; are there any significant staffing level changes expected in this financial year or the next? Could I have a staffing breakdown for both those areas on notice, please.

Ms Cross: I think the CRC will need to respond about CRC resources.

**Answer:**

Commonwealth-State Relations Branch (Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C))

There has been a staffing decrease in PM&C's Commonwealth-State Relations Branch across the period 1 July 2012 to 28 February 2013 as measured by Average Staffing Levels (ASLs) to 9.9. In 2011-12, there was an ASL of 12.5.

It is expected that there will be no significant changes to Commonwealth-State Relations Branch staffing levels in this financial year or the next.

<b>Position Level</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>
APS4	0	0.9
APS5	1.7	0.5
APS6	1.7	0.9
EL1	4.1	3.4
EL2	4.0	3.3
SESB1	1.0	0.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>9.9</b>

COAG Reform Council (CRC)

The following information has been provided by the CRC.

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There has been a decrease in CRC staffing levels in the period 1 July 2012 to 28 February 2013. As at 1 July 2012 there was a Full-time Equivalent (FTE) of 27.2 with a slight increase in FTEs in the months of September 2012 (29.5 FTE) and October 2012 (28.2 FTE), and then reducing to an FTE of 23.4 in the month of February 2013. The actual ASL was 26.9 for the period 1 July 2012 to 28 February 2013.

There are no significant changes to CRC staffing levels expected in this financial year or the next based on known workloads.

As at 28 February 2013:

<b>COAG Reform Council</b>		
<b>Position Level</b>	<b>Number of Positions Occupied</b>	<b>FTE</b>
APS4	2	1
APS5	1	1
APS6	5	5
EL1	8	8
EL2	7	6.4
SESB1	1	1
SESB3	1	1

*\*One APS4 position is occupied by an agency temp and is not included in FTE calculations*