

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

**Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet**

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**Question: PM71**

**Asked By: Senator Payne**

**Topic: COAG - Budget allocations and expenditure**

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- a) What are the largest spending categories budgeted for in PM&C expenditure of the \$1.5m allocated in the 2010-11 Budget “To maintain support for the delivery of the COAG reform agenda”? How much is budgeted to be spent in each of these categories?**
- b) How much of the \$1.5m allocated in the 2009-10 budget was spent?**
- c) Please provide a full breakdown of how the allocation was spent in 2009-10.**
- d) Why is this funding not allocated beyond the 2010-11 financial year?**

**Answer:**

- a) Funding is allocated to employee expenses and related support costs.
- b) All funding was expended in 2009-10.
- c) The allocation was spent on employee expenses and related support costs.
- d) The level of funding provided to the central agencies in the first two years to support the COAG reform agenda was extended for a further year.