

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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Asked By: Senator Payne

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In relation to the April 19-20 COAG meeting:

- a) **How many of the thirty-six staff from the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet who supported the meeting (as per PM26b, Budget Estimates) were departmental advisers?**
- b) **How many policy advisers and secretariat staff attended the meeting?**

Answer:

The 36 staff from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet who attended the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) meeting held in Canberra on 19 to 20 April 2010 comprised:

- 22 policy advisers;
- 10 officers attached to the COAG Unit (secretariat support);
- three Ceremonial and Hospitality Branch staff; and
- one IT support officer.

Policy advisers were drawn from the Executive; Economic, Families, Immigration and Social Support, Social Policy and the Industry, Infrastructure and Environment Divisions; and the Office of the Coordinator-General.