

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Supplementary Budget Estimates 17-20 October 2011

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Senator: Senator Payne

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Question:

Can you please outline the number of staff, indicating the APS level and location, your department has engaged directly on COAG matters (including the COAG Reform Council) and, if possible, the number of full time equivalent positions engaged indirectly on COAG matters?

Answer:

The number of staff, their APS level and location working directly on COAG matters broken down for the 2010-11 financial year, this financial year to date, and expected figures for the 2011-12 financial year can be seen in the table below:

	<i>2010-11</i>	<i>As at November 2011</i>	<i>Expected for 2011-12</i>
COAG Unit – Canberra			
SESB2	0.1	0.1	0.1
SESB1	1.0	1.0	1.0
EL2	2.3	4.0	4.0
EL1	4.9	4.0	4.0
APS6	0.2	1.8	1.8
APS5	1.1	1.7	1.7
APS4	0.5	0.5	0.5
<i>Total</i>	<i>10.1</i>	<i>13.1</i>	<i>13.1</i>

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Health and Governance Branch – Canberra			
SESB1	1.0	0.3	0.3
EL2	2.5	0.8	0.8
EL1	1.9	0.6	0.6
APS6	1.2	0.2	0.2
APS5	1.0	0.3	0.3
APS4	0.5	0.2	0.2
<i>Total</i>	<i>8.1</i>	<i>2.4</i>	<i>2.4</i>
COAG Reform Council – Sydney			
SESB3	1.0	1.0	1.0
SESB1	2.0	2.0	2.0
EL2	5.5	6.0	5.5
EL1	7.6	9.0	9.0
APS6	4.9	9.0	8.5
APS5	6.0	4.0	4.0
APS4	0.8	2.0	1.3
<i>Total</i>	<i>27.8</i>	<i>33.0</i>	<i>31.3</i>

The department does not record staffing data related specifically to those working indirectly on COAG matters in other areas of the department in a way that would readily allow answers to be provided to the question. To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.