

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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**Senator:** Senator Cory Bernardi

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**Question:**

1. Where in Sydney is the COAG Reform Council based?
2. What was the total cost to taxpayers of the Council's rent or lease arrangement in its Sydney office?

**Answer:**

1. The COAG Reform Council was based at Level 24, 6 O'Connell Street, Sydney, New South Wales until it was abolished on 30 June 2014.
2. The total cost of the COAG Reform Council's lease arrangement from 2007-08 to 2013-14 was \$2,574,639. The extended lease runs from 15 August 2014 to 14 August 2017, at a total cost of \$1,827,000. The department is taking active steps to sub-lease the office accommodation.  
Also see PM99.