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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Question:

1. How much did the COAG Reform Council spend on travel in the 2013-14 financial year? In the 2012-13 financial year?
2. How much did the COAG Reform Council spend on media monitoring in the 2013-14 financial year? In the 2012-13 financial year?
3. How much did the COAG Reform Council spend on stationery in the 2013-14 financial year? In the 2012-13 financial year?
4. How much did the COAG Reform Council spend on staff training in the 2013-14 financial year? In the 2012-13 financial year?

Answer:

1. The Council of Australian Governments (COAG) Reform Council spent \$124,514 on travel in the 2013–14 financial year to end May 2014. The Council spent \$186,893 on travel in 2012–13.
2. The COAG Reform Council spent \$14,057 on media monitoring in the 2013–14 financial year, as at end May 2014. The Council spent \$12,058 on media monitoring in 2012–13.
3. The COAG Reform Council had spent \$4,397 on stationary in the 2013–14 financial year to end May 2014. The Council spent \$22,613 on stationary in 2012–13.
4. The COAG Reform Council spent \$73,699.15 on staff training in 2012–13, and \$23,251.95 in 2013–14 (including conferences and seminars) to end May 2014.