

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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**Question:**

1. The Council website states that it maintains a program of events and stakeholder engagement activities. Is there an annual events budget?
2. What are the desired outcomes of the events program?
3. How do you identify and engage stakeholders?
4. Do the stakeholders pay to attend the events?

**Answer:**

1. No.
2. The Council of Australian Governments (COAG) Reform Council holds events to promote certain areas of work either as part of its reporting areas or in areas identified for research under its learning from practice or Centre of Excellence programmes.
3. The COAG Reform Council maintains relationships with key stakeholders in all areas of its reporting work. New stakeholders are identified by exploring current networks and researching key contributors to the relevant area of the event's focus in media, academia and industry.
4. No.