

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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**Question:**

1. The Council recently hosted the Improving governments' performance forum in Sydney. Who was invited to the forum?
2. Who determined the invitation list?
3. How many people attended? Please provide a list of attendees if possible.
4. Where was it held?
5. What was the cost of the forum?

**Answer:**

1. Representatives from the central agencies of each jurisdiction, the heads of prominent data collection and reporting agencies, and academics and leading policy thinkers in the fields of governance, federalism and public policy were invited.
2. The invitation list was determined by the Executive Councillor and Head of Secretariat, Mary Ann O'Loughlin, in consultation with the Chairman, COAG Reform Council members and partner agencies with responsibility for data collection and reporting. Several invitees who were not able to attend were asked to suggest possible replacements.
3. A total of 42 people attended the forum, including 6 members of the COAG Reform Council secretariat. The remaining 36 people were representatives from those organisations identified in question 1.
4. The forum was held at The Mint, 10 Macquarie St, Sydney.
5. The cost of the forum was \$22,934.29 (including GST).