

**Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

**Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet**

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**Question: PM89**

**Outcome 1, Output 5.7**

**Topic: Representatives or people with connections to the coal industry**

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**Senator Allison asked: -Concerns were raised in my group about what was seen as a domination by vested interests, particularly the coal sector. How many representatives or people with connections with the coal industry were part of the sustainability stream?**

**Mr Mrdak-I would have to check that.**

**Senator ALLISON-Could you do that?**

**Mr Mrdak-Yes.**

**Answer:** The Prime Minister announced the Australia 2020 Summit in a media statement of 3 February 2008, in which he indicated that *"summit participants will be invited in their own right rather than as institutional representatives from any particular organisation"*.

Consequently, the nominations process did not ask potential participants to provide details of their links to any particular sector, organisation or institution.