

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

**Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet**

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**Senator PAYNE-Can you tell us, then, how many Commonwealth staff, Commonwealth advisers, were involved in attending those meetings?**

**Dr Grimes-I would not be able to tell you at the moment. I will have to take that on notice.**

**Answer:**

Thirty six departmental advisers and other staff from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet supported the Council of Australian Governments meeting held at Parliament House on 19 and 20 April 2010. The departmental contingent comprised policy advisers, secretariat staff, and Ceremonial and Hospitality officers.

A smaller number of staff attended the meeting (including providing rotating notetakers).

Two staff from the Prime Minister's Office attended the meeting.

Advisers from the offices of the Treasurer, the Minister for Health and Ageing and officials from the Treasury and the Department of Health and Ageing also attended the meeting. Information regarding those who attended from these offices and Departments should be obtained through the relevant Department.