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Senator Arbib—I would like to make a quick correction to something that was said earlier. Senator Ronaldson made a couple of comments and there was also a response from one of the officials regarding the Governor-General on when she received notification and the invitation to present on behalf of the Australian people. My understanding is that she received two weeks notice. We will check on that for you, but one of the officials said it was a couple of days, and that certainly is not correct. I think two weeks was the time frame.

Answer:

The Governor General was asked to attend the presentation on 18 November 2010. It was reported in the media on 25 November 2010 that the Prime Minister was not attending and the Governor General would attend. The announcement was made on 2 December 2010.