Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

2006-07 Additional Budget Estimates Hearings ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio
Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General

QUESTION: PM3

Senator Brown asked:

"That is not what I am asking about, though. Would you take this question on notice, because I do not expect you to answer it now: for each of the last 10 years, would you find out how many nominations have been objected to by the representative of each state and territory government?"

Response:

Mr Malcolm Hazell, Official Secretary to the Governor-General, responded to this issue at the estimate hearings. Furthermore he addressed the substance of this question in his letter dated 15 February 2007 to Senator Brett Mason, Chair, Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration. A copy of the letter is at Attachment A.