

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing – February 2010
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio

Department/Agency: Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General

Program 1: Support for the Governor-General and Official Activities

Outcome 1: The performance of the Governor-General's role is facilitated through the organisation and management of official duties, management and maintenance of the official household and property and administration of the Australian Honours and Awards system.

Topic: Governor-General's program

Senator: RONALDSON

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Answer:

During the first half of the Governor-General's 17-month term (from 5 September 2008 to mid-May 2009), the Governor-General had a total of 141 public engagements, 85 in metropolitan locations (60%) and 56 in rural and regional locations (40%). During the second half of the Governor-General's 17 month term (from mid-May 2009 to 31 January 2010), the Governor-General had a total of 225 public engagements, 157 in metropolitan locations (70%) and 68 in rural and regional locations (30%).

First half of term (to mid-May 2009) - public engagements in metropolitan locations

Canberra	33
Sydney	20
Melbourne	13
Perth	6
Adelaide	5
Hobart	4
Launceston	2
Brisbane	2

First half of term (to mid-May 2009) - public engagements in rural and regional locations

Bourke	7
Broken Hill	5
Mildura	11
Murray Mouth and Lower Lakes	2
Albury	5

Shepparton	4
Echuca	1
Deniliquin	4
Geraldton	2
Jervis Bay	1
Townsville	2
Alexandra	1
Ingham	3
Whittlesea	2
Kinglake	1
Bendigo	2
Warrnambool	3

Second half of term (to 31 January 2010) - public engagements in metropolitan locations

Canberra	46
Brisbane	29
Sydney	27
Melbourne	24
Adelaide	14
Darwin	7
Perth	4
Hobart	2
Gold Coast	2
Newcastle	2

Second half of term (to 31 January 2010) - public engagements in rural and regional locations

Cooper Pedy	7
Scone	1
Lismore	4
Horsham	1
Birchip	2
Maningrida	4
Alice Springs	5
Papunya	3
Kinglake	6
Flowerdale	1
Port Augusta	4
Rockhampton	1
Mount Gambier	2
Longreach	6
Ifracombe	3
Winton	1

Evans Head	1
Pokolbin	2
Austinmer	1
Gosford	1
Gnowangerup	2
Westernport	1
Tamworth	9