

Senate Finance and Public Administration Standing Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates for 2009-10 (May 2009)

Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio

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

Outcome 1: The Governor-General is enabled to perform the constitutional, statutory, ceremonial and public duties associated with the appointment.

Output Group 1.1 – Support of the Governor-General,

Output Group 1.2 – Administration of the Australian Honours and Awards system

Topic: Africa trip

Senator: RONALDSON

Question reference number: PM1

Type of question: Hansard, 25 May p.51

Senator RONALDSON—Can you provide the committee with an itemised account of the costs incurred by the Governor-General and her entourage during this trip, including amounts expended on transportation, accommodation, food, gifts and miscellaneous expenditures? I am happy for you to take that on notice.

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 10 July 2009

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Answer:

The costs incurred by the Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General (the Office) in relation to the 10-country Africa trip are currently \$61,784. The costs to the Office are not expected to rise significantly as accounts are finalised.

Vehicle Hire:	\$10,519
Accommodation:	\$31,348
Food:	\$3,069
Gifts:	\$1,852*
Miscellaneous:	\$14,996**
Total:	\$61,784

* This figure represents a number of Australian children's books, soft toys, mouse pads, and pencil cases purchased by the Office to present during the visits to the 21 community project sites. All official gifts for the visit were sourced through the existing Government contract with Intandem. Accordingly, there were no costs incurred by the Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General for official gifts.

** This figure includes expenditure on stationery and consumables, gratuities, excess baggage, drinking water, internet, telecommunications, laundry and sundries.