

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: Functions

Senator: RYAN

Question reference number: PM10

Type of question: Hansard, 25 May p.71

Senator RYAN—I would like you to also take on notice the number of occasions on which the Governor-General has hosted the Prime Minister or other ministers for dinner or similar events.

Mr Brady—I will take it on notice. When you say hosted, do you mean when the Prime Minister has come to dinner?

Senator RYAN—I mean when the Prime Minister has come to dinner with the Governor-General at Admiralty House or Government House.

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Answer:

The Governor-General has hosted the Prime Minister and other ministers for dinner or similar events on a number of occasions. On all but three occasions these events were larger official engagements, dinners or receptions at which the Prime Minister or ministers were also present (for example, Australian of the Year lunch, Pacific Friends of the Global Fund dinner, Diplomatic Corps dinner, State Lunch for the President of the Republic of Korea and State Dinner for Their Majesties The King and Queens of Spain etc). On three other occasions the Governor-General hosted the Prime Minister to a dinner meeting.