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: Staffing

Senator: RONALDSON

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Senator RONALDSON—Thank you. I have a further question in relation to staffing appointments. Since the Governor General was sworn in there have been 17 new appointments; is that right?

Mr Brady—Yes.

Senator RONALDSON—And what level are they at?

Mr Murtagh—The 17 includes Mr Fraser's appointment. He is an SES equivalent officer. They include one executive level 2 officer. For the next levels I will need to take the question on notice because I have not brought a briefing with me. They cover a range of positions, from a base level, various gardening positions and the like, through to some senior positions.

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Answer:

Position	Level
Official Secretary	Agency Head
Deputy Official Secretary	SES1
Director, Executive and Protocol	EL2
Speech Writer	EL1
Governance Co-ordinator	EL1
Executive Assistant to the Governor-General	Level 6
Assistant Media Officer	Level 6
Senior Events Adviser	Level 6
Indigenous Liaison Officer	Level 6
Senior Financial Accountant	Level 6
Senior Management Accountant	Level 6
Senior Finance Officer	Level 5
Custodian – Admiralty House	Level 5
Finance Officer	Level 3
Gardener – Government House	Level 2
Household Attendant	Level 1
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