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

Question reference number: PM7b **Type of question:** Hansard, 25 May p.66

Senator RONALDSON—I take it that all those positions were advertised? **Mr Murtagh**—Some were advertised, but they were not all advertised.

Senator RONALDSON—Which ones were not advertised?

Mr Murtagh—There is one position in our finance area that was not a direct advertisement. Again, I have not brought a briefing with me on that so I will need to take the question on notice.

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

Number of pages: 1

Answer:

Position	Level	Appointment type
Official Secretary	Agency Head	appointed by PM&C
Deputy Official Secretary	SES1	direct engagement/secondment from APS
Director, Executive and Protocol	EL2	direct engagement/secondment from APS
Speech Writer	EL1	direct engagement
Governance Co-ordinator	EL1	position advertised/selection process undertaken
Executive Assistant to the	Level 6	position advertised/selection process
Governor-General		undertaken/secondment from APS
Assistant Media Officer	Level 6	position advertised/selection process undertaken
Senior Events Adviser	Level 6	position advertised/selection process undertaken/
		secondment from APS
Indigenous Liaison Officer	Level 6	selection process undertaken/secondment from APS
Senior Financial Accountant	Level 6	position advertised/selection process undertaken
Senior Management Accountant	Level 6	position advertised/selection process undertaken
Senior Finance Officer	Level 5	position advertised/selection process
		unsuccessful/direct engagement
Custodian – Admiralty House	Level 5	position advertised/selection process undertaken
Finance Officer	Level 3	position advertised/selection process undertaken
Gardener – Government House	Level 2	position advertised/selection process undertaken
Household Attendant	Level 1	employment offered on completion of traineeship
Household Attendant	Level 1	direct engagement following market testing