

**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: PM9**

**Type of question: Hansard, 25 May p.71**

**Senator RYAN**—Mr Brady, I have a couple of last questions. Have there been any private or family functions hosted at Government House or Admiralty House by the Governor-General?

**Mr Brady**—Not that I am aware of.

**Senator RONALDSON**—You are not aware of it, but will you take it on notice?

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

**Number of pages: 1**

**Answer:**

In accordance with Office policy as outlined in the Governor-General's handbook, the cost of private functions (for more than six guests) hosted by the Governor-General are charged to the Governor-General on a cost-recovery basis. There have been two such events at Government House or Admiralty House since the Governor-General commenced in Office.