

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: Visit to Afghanistan

Senator: RONALDSON

Question reference number: PM99b

Type of question: Written

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- b) On what grounds was the decision taken to allow the Governor General an overnight stay in a volatile combat zone?

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

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Answer:

The decision to allow the Governor-General to stay overnight in Tarin Kowt was made by the Commander of Joint Operations (CJOPS), Lieutenant General Mark Evans, based on the intelligence available leading up to and during the visit.

Lieutenant General Evans accompanied the Governor-General for the duration of the visit and regularly reviewed the logistical arrangements of the visit program.