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: PM99c

Type of question: Written

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c) Which agency or agencies provided advice to the Governor General that she would be safe at Tarin Kowt?

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Answer:

The Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General was advised by the Department of Defence on all aspects relating to the Governor-General's safety during her visit to Tarin Kowt. This advice was regularly updated by the Chief of Defence Force in the period immediately before the Governor-General's departure from Australia, and reviewed by the Commander of Joint Operations during the visit to Tarin Kowt.