



Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General

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**Details of Governor-General's activities to 30 April 2010**

Since taking office as Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia on 5 September 2008, Governor-General Quentin Bryce has:

- Delivered 251 speeches.
- Attended 417 separate events throughout Australia and Territories.
- Presented 216 honours at 12 investitures.
- Hosted 259 official functions.
- Received 338 callers.
- Opened the grounds and residence at Government House to more than 17,330 school children who visited to learn more about the role of the Governor-General and were given a conducted tour.
- Represented Australia at commemorative services for the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Armistice in France; made State Visits to the Republic of Malta, the Republic of Singapore, the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, the Republic of Zambia, Botswana, the Republic of Mozambique, the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and the Republic of Kenya, the United Republic of Tanzania; and visits to the United Arab Emirates, the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Mauritius, Namibia and the Republic of Seychelles; represented Australia at the tenth anniversary commemoration of Popular Consultation in the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste; represented Australia at services commemorating the 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ANZAC day in Gallipoli, and made an official visit to the Republic of Turkey.
- Met with the former President of South Africa, Dr Nelson Mandela.
- Received the credentials of 44 Ambassadors and High Commissioners to Australia.
- Received
  - the Prime Minister of Vietnam, H.E. Mr Nguyen Tan Dung, and Madam Tran Thanh Kiem;
  - His Majesty King George Tupou V of Tonga
  - the President of the Republic of Malta, HE Dr Edward Fenech Adami and Mrs Fenech Adami;
  - the President of the Republic of Korea, His Excellency Lee Myung-bak and Mrs Kim Yoon-ok; and
  - the Right Honourable Grand Chief Sir Michael Somare GCL GCMG CH CF KStJ MP, Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea.
  - Their Majesties King Juan Carlos I and Queen Sophia of Spain
  - the Prime Minister of New Zealand, The Honourable John Key and Mrs Key
  - the General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam, His Excellency Mr Nong Duc Manh
  - the President of the Republic of Hungary, HE Mr Laszlo Solyom
  - the President of the Republic of Bulgaria, HE Mr Georgi Parvanov, and Mrs Zorka Parvanova

- HE Sir Frank Kabui, GCMG, CSI, OBE and Lady Kabui [Grace], Governor-General of Solomon Islands
  - HRH Prince William of Wales KG
  - the President of the Republic of Botswana, HE Lieutenant General Seretse Khama Ian Khama
  - the President of the Republic of Indonesia, HE Dr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, and Mrs Ani Bambang Yudhoyono
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- Presided over 43 meetings of the Federal Executive Council, which has considered over 925 agenda items.
  
  - Assented to 239 pieces of legislation passed by the Commonwealth Parliament.