

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

**Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet**

Budget Estimates Supplementary Hearings 2003-2004, 3-4 November 2003

**Question: PM 59**

**Outcome 1 – The Governor-General is enabled to perform the constitutional, statutory, ceremonial; and public duties associated with the appointment.**

**Topic: Cost of running the office of the Governor-General**

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**Senator Crossin asked:**

**(a) Can the Minister provide full details of the annual cost of running the office of the Governor-General in 2001-02 and 2002-03? Please include all costs associated with the running of the office, including salaries, properties, stationery, utilities, travel, staff, etc.**

**Answer:**

Expenditure on the running of the Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General in 2001-02 was \$10.401m and in 2002-03 was \$9.895m, as set out below:

	<b>2001-02</b>	<b>2002-03</b>
Output 1.1 Support of the Governor-General	\$7 286 883	\$6 759 688
Output 1.2 Administration of the Australian honours system	\$3 113 983	\$3 135 176

Full details of the Office's financial position is set out in the Financial Statements of the Office's *Annual Report 2002-2003*.