

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing – October 2009
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio

Department/Agency: Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General

Program 1: Support for the Governor-General and Official Activities

Outcome 1: The performance of the Governor-General's role is facilitated through the organisation and management of official duties, management and maintenance of the official household and property and administration of the Australian Honours and Awards system.

Topic: Tender processes

Senator: RONALDSON

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Senator RONALDSON—[a] On what date did you sign off on it [tender for repairs at Admiralty House]?

Senator RONALDSON— [b] With the greatest respect, would you go back and have a look [at the timeframe of the tender process for the refurbishment and bracing and strengthening of the roof before stripping out the bathrooms at Admiralty House]..

Senator RONALDSON— [c] How many days [of tender evaluation] was it?

Answer:

- (a) The evaluation report was signed off on Thursday 1 October.
- (b) The tender was loaded on AusTender on Saturday 5 September. It closed on Thursday 24 September at 2.00 PM. There were a small number of responses (2). The project commenced on Tuesday 6 October.
- (c) Tenders were evaluated over four full business days, Friday 25 September, Monday 28 September, Tuesday 29 September, and Wednesday 30 September. The tender evaluation panel also used the services of a cost estimator to assist in evaluating tenders.