

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing – October 2010
ANSWER TO QUESTIONS 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: Staffing levels

Senator: ABETZ

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Type of Question: Written

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Answer:

- a) As reported in the 2010-11 PBS, the Office ASL is expected to fall by one through natural attrition.
- b) The Office is on track with what was reported in the budget (i.e. a planned reduction of one).
- c) Two severance benefits offered after section reviews resulting in one position being upgraded and one being downgraded.