

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**Budget Estimates Hearing – October 2012**  
**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:** Paused Grants – Advice from Finance on Communication with Applicants

**Senator:** Ryan

**Question reference number:** PM69

**Type of Question:** Written

**Date set by the committee for the return of answer:** 30 November 2012

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Did your department receive advice/instruction from the Department of Finance regarding how best to communicate the grants pause to grant applicants, the media and other external stakeholders?

**Answer:**

Response provided by Department of Finance and Deregulation