

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
Additional Estimates - November 2013
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: Recruitment

Senator: Wong

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Type of Question: Written

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What steps have been taken to implement the arrangements outlined in the Australian Public Service Commission document "interim arrangements for recruitment in the Australian Public Service – guidance for agencies"?

Answer:

The general principle of minimising new engagements across the Commonwealth public sector is being applied by the Office.

An "All staff email" was issued on 1 November 2013 included the following statement:

"The Office's Management Committee will continue to review each position that becomes vacant to ensure we are achieving the most practical and economical staffing solutions to meet the Office's operational requirements."