

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
Budget Estimates – May 2017
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: Order of Australia

Senator: Wong

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Type of Question: Written

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- a) What determines how many awards of the Order of Australia Medal are made each year?
- b) Is it based on a percentage of nominations received?

Answer:

- a) While there are quotas at the higher levels of appointment, there is no quota on the number of Order of Australia Medals (OAMs) awarded each year. The Council makes recommendations to the Governor-General, as Chancellor of the Order, following consideration of nominations received.
- b) No.