

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates Hearing – February 2011

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: Honours Secretariat – types

Senator: Ronaldson

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Question:

Mr Brady—My advice is sought when an order is to be cancelled, when a recommendation goes to the Governor-General on whether an order is to be cancelled. It then falls between me and the chairman to discuss that issue.

Senator RONALDSON—Those who have been in your position who have received an award after they have left, do you know whether they, in the main, have received an AM or an AO?

Mr Brady—I think it has been a mix.

Senator RONALDSON—Would you take that on notice for me, please?

Answer:

Since the Order of Australia was introduced in 1975 the following official secretaries to governors-general have received recognition within the Order of Australia:

Name	Years served	Appointment
Sir David Iser Smith KCVO AO	1973 – 1990	Officer of the Order of Australia (appointed, during office, 1986)
Mr Robert Douglas Sturkey AM CVO	1990 – 1998	Member of the Order of Australia (appointed 1999)
Mr Martin Bonsey AO CVO	1998 – 2003	Officer of the Order of Australia (appointed 2005)
Mr Malcolm John Hazell AM CVO	2003 – 2008	Member of the Order of Australia (appointed 2009)