

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
Additional Estimates – February 2015
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: Royal Commission into Trade Union Governance and Corruption Report

Senator: Ludwig

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Senator LUDWIG: So the report was received on that day.

Mr Fraser: I was not present at that particular meeting; I would have to actually check what was physically conveyed. But that is normally the purpose. It can be an interim report or a final report on various royal commissions in the normal course of the Governor-General's role.

Senator LUDWIG: Can you let the committee know what the circumstances are then?

Mr Fraser: Certainly.

Answer:

On 15 December 2014, the Governor-General received the interim report of the Royal Commission into Trade Union Governance and Corruption and conveyed it to Government on the same day.

The omission of this has now been corrected on the Governor-General's website for 15 December 2014, to now read:

On Monday 15 December 2014, at Government House, Canberra, the Governor-General, General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd), received the Commissioner of the Royal Commission into Trade Union Governance and Corruption, the Honourable John Heydon AC QC, and was presented the interim report of the Royal Commission into Trade Union Governance and Corruption.