

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: Staff Travel

Senator: Ludwig

Question reference number: 113

Type of Question: Hansard

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 10 April 2015

Number of Pages: 1

Senator LUDWIG: Perhaps you would not mind detailing—you can take this on notice—which country and who would go. Perhaps you can tell me of the last couple of visits that occurred.

Mr Fraser: The last visit that the Governor-General undertook was to Saudi Arabia to pay condolences on behalf of the Australian government and people on the passing of the King. On that particular trip, it was I who accompanied the Governor-General and an aide-de-camp to the Governor-General as well as the manager of the strategic program.

Answer:

On 22 and 23 October 2014, the Governor-General visited Australian service personnel in the United Arab Emirates and Afghanistan, met with the newly elected President of Afghanistan, and visited Australian officials working in Kabul. The Governor-General was accompanied by: Official Secretary, Aide-de-camp and AFP.

On 26 and 27 January 2015, the Governor-General represented the Government and people of Australia in paying condolences following the passing of King Abdullah in Saudi Arabia. The Governor-General was accompanied by: Official Secretary, Manager Strategic Program, Aide-de-camp and AFP.