

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
Supplementary 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: Furniture and furnishings

Senator: Wong

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Since 18 March 2014 what amount has been expended on furniture and furnishings at (a) Government House and (b) Admiralty House?

Answer:

The Office, as custodian of two heritage properties, undertakes regular planning and reviews to replace or repair building, plant and equipment that has reached end of life; or no longer complies with Australian Standards or WHS requirements.

Since 18 March 2014, the following amounts have been expended on furniture and furnishings:

- a) Government House - \$8649.10 (ex GST, to 28 February 2015)
- b) Admiralty House - \$53,335.23 (ex GST, to 28 February 2015)

Please note: The procurements at Admiralty House include a significant end-of-life replacement of furniture in the main public rooms used for functions. These figures do not include consequential purchases of furniture and furnishings made and capitalised as part of projects under the 10 year Vice-Regal Heritage Property Master Plan (and reported at Q210).