

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
Additional Estimates – February 2016
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: Minister Briggs' Resignation

Senator: Wong

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Type of Question: Hearing

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Senator WONG: Thank you. I am asking: you get an emailed copy; did you ever get a hard copy?

Mr Fraser: I think I have answered previously that there may well have been an original copy but not that I am aware of. We acted on the emailed copy.

Senator WONG: Sure. If you do not know, but I am interested in whether or not subsequent to that there was—

Mr Fraser: I can certainly have a look if such a letter came.

Senator WONG: Thank you. Can you provide a copy of the letter of resignation?

Mr Fraser: I will take that on notice.

Answer:

No original letter has been received by this Office. The Office received the letter electronically on 29 December 2015.

In relation to the tabling of the letter of resignation, Senate Standing Order 165 states at (2): A motion for the production of correspondence addressed to the Governor-General shall be in the form of an address.