

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: Revocation of Minister Briggs' Ministerial Appointment

Senator: Wong

Question reference number: 4

Type of Question: Hearing

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Senator WONG: When was Mr Briggs's commission actually revoked?

Mr Fraser: That letter is signed by the Governor-General and dated 30 December—so that day.

Senator WONG: 30 December, after receipt of advice from Mr Turnbull?

Mr Fraser: That is correct.

Senator WONG: Can you provide a copy of the advice from Mr Turnbull?

Mr Fraser: Again, I will take that on notice.

Answer:

In relation to the tabling of the Prime Minister's letter to the Governor-General regarding the revocation of Mr Briggs, 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.