

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: Secretaries Farewell Lunches

Senator: Wong

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Type of Question: Hearing

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Senator WONG: On notice, can you please tell me which secretaries have received a farewell lunch hosted by the Governor-General?

Mr Fraser: This Governor-General?

Senator WONG: You can do this one and the past one if you like, but I was only asking about this one.

Mr Fraser: I will take your question to mean this Governor-General.

Senator WONG: Was the Prime Minister invited to the lunch?

Mr Fraser: I am not aware of whether the Prime Minister was invited.

Senator WONG: Can you take that on notice?

Mr Fraser: Sure.

Answer:

The secretaries who have received a farewell function hosted by this Governor-General are Ian Watt and Michael Thawley.

The Prime Minister was not invited.