

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: Australia Day Awards – Representation of Women

Senator: Wong

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I refer to the Sydney Morning Herald Article "Australia Day Honours 2016: For women, getting nominated is the hard part" published on 26 January 2016 and including data supplied by the OOSGG.

Does the OOSGG agree we need to do more to encourage women to be nominated for awards in the Order of Australia.

What steps will the OOSGG and the Governor General– take to improve the rate of nominations for women

Answer:

These are matters for the Government. PM&C is responsible for honours policy and promotion. OOSGG simply administers the program. The Council for the Order of Australia and the Governor-General have indicated publicly they would wish to see more nominations for, and from, women.

It is a matter for the Government to consider this issue.