

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Budget Estimates 26 May-6 June 2014

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

**Outcome/Program:** 1.1 Prime Minister and Cabinet

**Topic:** Governor-General Designate

**Senator:** Senator the Hon Penny Wong

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**Question:**

Senator WONG: Turning to question on notice No. 62, you were not able to tell me the cost of the trip of the Governor-General and his wife to call on Her Majesty the Queen. That answer was filed—I do not know when—but it was not filed by the return date. Are you able to tell me now?

Ms Kelly: I do not have the break-down. I have the total cost to 30 April associated with the Governor-General Designate.

Senator WONG: Just give me that.

Ms Kelly: That is \$89,585.

Senator WONG: \$89,585—that is all costs?

Ms Kelly: That includes the travel for official duties, a fit-out allowance and transport of personal items to Government House.

Senator WONG: Can you tell me what proportion of that is the London trip.

Ms Kelly: I do not have that break-down with me but I can take that on notice and return to it. ...

Senator WONG: When you give me the update on notice, could you in relation to the London trip indicate costs associated with air transport, including which class, land transport, accommodation, hospitality, travel allowance and any other costs

**Answer:**

The costs associated with support for the Governor-General Designate during the period of 26 January to 28 March 2014 are below. Some further accounts have been processed since the amount of \$89,585 was noted by Ms Kelly and the total amount is \$90,149.

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<b>Item</b> (as recorded on the Finance system of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C))	<b>Cost</b> <b>(\$ excluding GST)</b>
Office support, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• lease of a suite at the Commonwealth Parliamentary Offices, Sydney</li> <li>• communications, including:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ information and telecommunications services</li> <li>○ newspapers and subscriptions</li> <li>○ postage and printing</li> </ul> </li> <li>• general expenses, including stationery and classified waste disposal</li> <li>• minor office equipment and requisites</li> </ul>	15,010  422 nil 277 797  485
Travel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• domestic travel for the Governor-General Designate and spouse for discussions with the then Governor-General and other former Governors-General and for a PM&amp;C officer to travel to Sydney to assist for the first two weeks, including:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ flights / accommodation / incidentals</li> <li>○ car hire / taxis / ComCar</li> </ul> </li> <li>• overseas travel, including:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ flights (business class)</li> <li>○ incidentals, including meals, accommodation and other expenses</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	11,563 2,680  14,935 7,227
Fit-out (clothing) allowance	28,000
Uplift of personal items from Sydney to Canberra	8,753
<b>Total</b>	<b>90,149</b>