

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**Budget Estimates – May 2014**

**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:** Contact with ministerial offices

**Senator:** Wong

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**Type of Question:** Written

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With reference to the media report "New Governor-General Sir Peter Cosgrove angers government ministers":

Did the Official Secretary have any contact with the offices of (a) the Prime Minister and/or (b) the Minister for Foreign Affairs between receipt of the journalist's questions on 10 April 2014 before publication of the report on 12 April 2014?

**Answer:**

No.