

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: Announcement of Dame in the Order of Australia

Senator: Wong

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Is the Governor-General, and not the Prime Minister, the Chancellor of the Order of Australia?

Why did the Prime Minister, and not the Governor-General, announce on 9 June 2014 that Her Excellency Professor the Honourable Marie Bashir AC CVO would be appointed a Dame in the Order of Australia?

Answer:

The Governor-General is the Chancellor of the Order of Australia. Her Excellency Professor the Honourable Marie Bashir AC CVO was appointed a Dame in the Order of Australia in the Queen's Birthday Honours List announced at 12:01am on Monday 9 June 2014. Details were published on the Office's website: www.gg.gov.au.