

**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:** Executive Council Meeting Dates

**Senator:** Wong

**Question reference number:** QoN 7

**Type of Question:** Written

**Date set by the committee for the return of answer:** 11 July 2014

**Number of Pages:** 2

**Senator Wong:** Can you provide details of ExCo meetings—what dates they are held and so forth? Is there someone here who can provide me with that?

**Mr Fraser:** I would be happy to provide the historic dates to you on notice.

**Answer:**

The Federal Executive Council meets approximately 20 times per year.

In the 12 months preceding 26 May 2014, the Council met on the following dates:

Thursday 30 May 2013;

Thursday 13 June 2013;

Friday 28 June 2013;

Thursday 11 July 2013;

Thursday 25 July 2013;

Monday 5 August 2013 – 4pm;

Monday 5 August 2013 – 5.30pm (to issue writs following the prorogation of Parliament and dissolution of the House of Representatives);

Wednesday 18 September 2013;

Thursday 3 October 2013;

Thursday 17 October 2013;  
Friday 8 November 2013;  
Thursday 21 November 2013;  
Thursday 12 December 2013;  
Wednesday 22 January 2014;  
Monday 17 February 2014;  
Wednesday 26 February 2014;  
Thursday 13 March 2014;  
Tuesday 25 March 2014;  
Monday 14 April 2014;  
Thursday 24 April 2014; and  
Thursday 15 May 2014.