

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

Additional Estimates – May 2015

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: Expenditure and use of the Rolls Royce

Senator: Wong

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Senator WONG: And the Rolls Royce? I am not a car fan, but I am sure that there are many people who are. What is it—a 1970 Rolls-Royce Phantom VI? It is apparently a very rare car. Can you provide me with the expenditure on that since the Governor-General was appointed? Are you able to tell me when it has been used?

Mr Fraser: Certainly. I would be happy to take the specifics of that question on notice.

Answer:

A total of \$8,112.90 has been spent on the Rolls Royce during the period from the Governor-General's appointment to 30 June 2015, which includes repairs, servicing, tyres, and running costs.

The Rolls Royce has been used on the following dates and occasions:

1. 28 March 2014, Swearing-in of the Governor-General.
2. 24 June 2014, Credential presentation ceremonies for newly arrived Heads of Mission.
3. 16 July 2014, Credential presentation ceremonies for newly arrived Heads of Mission.
4. 20 August 2014, Credential presentation ceremonies for newly arrived Heads of Mission.
5. 29 October 2014, Credential presentation ceremonies for newly arrived Heads of Mission.
6. 8 December 2014, Credential presentation ceremonies for newly arrived Heads of Mission.
7. 9 December 2014, Governor-General, as Commander-in-Chief, and Lady Cosgrove attended the Royal Military College General Service Officer Graduation Parade.
8. 11 December 2014, Governor-General, as Commander-in-Chief, and Lady Cosgrove attended the ADFA Graduation Parade.

9. 13 May 2015, Credential presentation ceremonies for newly arrived Heads of Mission.
10. 6 June 2015, Governor-General, as Commander-in-Chief, and Lady Cosgrove attend the Queen's Birthday Parade.
11. 24 June 2015, Credential presentation ceremonies for newly arrived Heads of Mission.