

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: Use of Admiralty House for functions where the Governor-General is not the host

Senator: Gallagher

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Senator GALLAGHER: Could you on notice let us know how many other functions over the past year have been hosted by Mr Abbott.

Mr Fraser: Certainly. My recollection is that that would be the only one.

Senator GALLAGHER: That is fine. If you could just confirm that.

Mr Fraser: I would be happy to take that on notice.

Answer:

The Prime Minister has hosted one function at Admiralty House.

On Sunday 16 November 2014, at Admiralty House, in support of the Guest of Government program following G20, the Governor-General and Lady Cosgrove hosted a reception in honour of Her Excellency Dr Angela Merkel, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany. At the end of the reception, the Governor-General and Lady Cosgrove returned to Canberra in preparation for the State Visit by the President of China the following morning.

Following the Governor-General's departure, the Prime Minister hosted a dinner at Admiralty House in honour of Dr Merkel. This was the only function hosted by the Prime Minister at Admiralty House.