

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**Supplementary Estimates – October 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:** Resignation of former Prime Minister

**Senator:** Wong

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**Senator WONG:** Yes, I understand that. Regrettably we have some recollection of this, and I think the country was aware, for example, when Prime Minister Rudd returned to the prime ministership, former Prime Minister Gillard resigned that night and announced that to the nation—is that right?

**Mr Fraser:** I do not recall the specifics, but I could happily look at the exact timings—

**Senator WONG:** You do not remember?

**Mr Fraser:** I know Prime Minister Gillard called on Quentin Bryce on that occasion and resigned in person, and I am not sure exactly when that took place.

**Senator WONG:** It was not the next day, was it?

**Mr Fraser:** I do not recall.

**Senator WONG:** Really?

**Mr Fraser:** I can certainly check and have my colleagues look back through the Governor-General's program and see if we can obtain that.

**Answer:**

The Ballot for the Labor party leadership took place on the evening of Wednesday 26 June 2013. At 9.00 pm that evening Ms Gillard's letter of resignation was e-mailed to Government House and at 9.35 pm that evening Ms Gillard attended Government House and called on the Governor-General until approximately 10.05 pm.