

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**Supplementary Estimates – February 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:** Staff turnover

**Senator:** McKenzie

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**Type of Question:** Written

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**Mr Fraser:** All staff are employed by the Official Secretary and the office is the Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General, so there is no delineation within – no Government House figures. That is the figure for the entire agency; there are no other turnover figures.

**Senator McKENZIE:** So, you do not monitor various aspects of the work of the office?

**Mr Fraser:** Are you referring to the household, for example? Household staff?

**Senator McKENZIE:** Yes.

**Mr Fraser:** I could certainly answer that question for you on notice. But I can tell you intuitively that the turnover rate is low across the office, for various normal natural attrition reasons.

**Answer:**

- FY 2013/14 (YTD as at end March) - 1 household staff member retired.
- FY 2012/13 - 1 household staff member retired.
- FY 2011/12 – 1 household staff member moved to the private sector.
- FY 2010/11 - 2 household staff left the Office (1 retired and 1 moved interstate).
- FY 2009/10 - No household staff left the Office.