

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
Additional Estimates Hearing – May 2012
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: Delayed gazettal of ministerial appointment

Senator: Kroger

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Type of Question: Written

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Stephen Brady, Official Secretary to the Governor-General, advised in estimates that the gazettal of changes involving the position of Foreign Affairs Minister had been overlooked and did not occur until April 10. Mr Brady said the oversight was brought to his attention by his executive assistant. How and when did Mr Brady's executive assistant become aware of the oversight?

If someone advised Mr Brady's executive assistant of the oversight, who was that person?

Answer:

An enquiry from a member of the public on our website on 7 April 2012 prompted a check of Office records.