

Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee

CLARRIFICATION TO EVIDENCE SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2008-09

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General



During evidence provided to the Finance and Public Administration Committee on Monday, 20 October 2008, Mr Murtagh, Director of Corporate Services, stated in response to questioning from Senator Abetz:

Senator ABETZ—Does it also require any new clothing for the Governor-General?

Mr Brady—As this predates my appointment, I might ask Mr Murtagh.

Mr Murtagh—My position is Director, Corporate Services, office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General. Certainly there was new letterhead and associated stationery prepared for the Governor-General.

Senator ABETZ—I was assuming that and I am now moving on to whether it also requires any new clothing.

Mr Murtagh—It has not required any new clothing.

Senator ABETZ—And no new clothing has been ordered or will be ordered?

Mr Murtagh—No new clothing has been ordered.

[Taken from F&PA 22].

On Wednesday, 22 October 2008, officials from the Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General informed the Finance and Public Administration Committee, via email correspondence, of a clarification to the evidence provided on F&PA 22:

It should be noted that a check of the file indicates that one additional staff uniform, in the existing design, had been ordered since September 5 for a new household attendant comprising 2 pairs of black trousers, 2 pairs of blue trousers and 4 blue work shirts. The Office apologises for this oversight and also understands that the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet is able to provide information in relation to a payment available to Governors-General Designate.