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Ms Christine McDonald
Secretary
Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration
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Dear Ms McDonald

During the hearings of the Committee into the Supplementary Budget Estimates for the Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General on 20 October 2008, Senator Abetz asked the Official Secretary if new clothing for the Governor-General was required (Hansard reference page 22).

I would like to advise the Committee that, as part of the standard assistance for Governors-General Designate, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet has provided a one-off fitting-out (or clothing) allowance to assist Governors-General Designate, and their spouses, prepare for the office of Governor-General. The amount provided has not changed since 2001.

I should be grateful if you could pass this information to the Committee.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mike Mrdak'.

Mike Mrdak
Deputy Secretary (Governance)

22 October 2008

