

Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Supplementary Budget Estimates 20 - 23 Oct 2008



Question: PM44a

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Topic: Governor-General's clothing allowance

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Senator Abetz asked: Mr Murtagh of the Office of the Official Secretary stated specifically that no new clothing had been provided to the Governor-General to date in answer to my question of 20 October 2008. In a letter received by the Finance and Public Administration Committee on 22 October 2008, Mr Mrdak stated that the Governor-General receives a one-off fitting-out (or clothing) allowance.

Could the Department please specify the dollar value of this allowance?

Answer:

Consistent with long-standing practice, a one-off fitting-out allowance of \$28,000 was provided to Ms Quentin Bryce AC as Governor-General Designate to assist her and her spouse prepare for the office of Governor-General.

The amount of \$28,000 was the same as the allowance provided to the preceding two Governors-General Designate: Dr Hollingworth in 2001 and Major-General Jeffery in 2003.