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Senator: Kitching

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Question:

Senator KITCHING: The question was: what process is followed to determine which events the Prime Minister will agree to attend and those which he will decline?

Senator Brandis: You are asking me about a process that would exist within the Prime Minister's Office, and I do not personally know what that process is.

Senator KITCHING: But you are here representing the Prime Minister. What criteria are considered—

Senator WONG: You can take it on notice.

Senator Brandis: Do you want me to take it on notice?

Senator KITCHING: I would like you to take it on notice. Thank you. What criteria are considered when determining whether an event is worthy of the Prime Minister's attendance?

Answer:

The Prime Minister is invited to and attends a range of events. Invites are considered in a careful and methodical way – as has been the case with successive Prime Ministers.