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Senator: Senator the Hon Penny Wong

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Question:

Senator WONG: Was there a response from Buckingham Palace at all to that letter—other than the decision to approve?

Ms Kelly: The palace wrote to the Official Secretary to the Governor-General on 9 January 2015.

Senator WONG: Could you take on notice the provision of that, please—of that letter and the original letter of 19 December?

Ms Kelly: Yes.

Answer:

Communications between Her Majesty The Queen and the Governor-General or the Prime Minister are treated as private and confidential, consistent with longstanding practice.