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Senator: Senator the Hon Penny Wong

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Question:

Senator WONG: Was Prince Philip asked if he would accept this honour prior to the Prime Minister signing the letter on 19 December?

Senator ABETZ: That I do not know, but I can take that on notice.

Answer:

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet understands that there were informal communications with the Palace prior to the Prime Minister's written advice to Her Majesty The Queen dated 19 December 2014.