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Senator: Senator the Hon Penny Wong

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Question:

Senator WONG: Mr Sadleir, have you personally been involved in discussions with Japanese officials about these matters?

Mr Sadleir: I have not.

Senator WONG: Has anyone from Prime Minister and Cabinet? Have you, Dr McCarthy?

Dr McCarthy: An officer from Mr Sadleir's division has accompanied Defence delegations to Japan, France, Germany, Denmark and Sweden and has been an observer in the discussions held with those countries. In the case of Japan, those discussions went to not only possible cooperation on the future submarine program but also broader defence, science and technology cooperation. In the case of the visits to Europe, I think they were focused primarily on the matter of possible cooperation in the future submarine program.

Senator WONG: Perhaps on notice because we are running out of time, can you give me more details about the France, Germany, Denmark and Sweden components? When were those delegations and who was on them? I want to turn to the visit to Japan. The PM&C official was an observer. Is that right? I think that was the phrase you used.

Dr McCarthy: Yes.

Answer:

During December 2014, the Department of Defence led a delegation to Sweden, Denmark, Germany and France to discuss defence cooperation – Attachment A refers.

ATTACHMENT A

| Country and dates visited | Members of the Australian delegation |
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| Sweden 1 to 2 December 2014 | Mr Warren King Chief Executive Officer Defence Materiel Organisation (1 December only) Mr Gerald Thomson Ambassador to Sweden Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade CDRE Peter Scott RAN Director General Submarine, Navy Strategic Command Department of Defence Mr Brian Hickey Counsellor Defence Materiel, Defence Materiel Organisation Australian High Commission London Ms Geraldine Gibson International Policy Division Department of Defence Ms Kylie Bryant National Security Division Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet |
| Denmark 2 December 2014 | Mr Warren King Chief Executive Officer Defence Materiel Organisation Mr Brian Hickey Counsellor Defence Materiel, Defence Materiel Organisation Australian High Commission London |
| Germany 3 to 5 December 2014 | Mr Warren King Chief Executive Officer Defence Materiel Organisation CDRE Peter Scott RAN Director General Submarine Capability, Navy Strategic Command Department of Defence Mr Brian Hickey Counsellor Defence Materiel, Defence Materiel Organisation Australian High Commission London Ms Geraldine Gibson International Policy Division Department of Defence |

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| | <p>GPCAPT Warrick Paddon Defence Attaché – Berlin Department of Defence</p> <p>Ms Kylie Bryant National Security Division Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet</p> |
| France 7 to 9 December 2014 | <p>Mr Warren King Chief Executive Officer Defence Materiel Organisation</p> <p>CDRE Peter Scott RAN Director General Submarine Capability, Navy Strategic Command Department of Defence</p> <p>Mr Brian Hickey Counsellor Defence Materiel, Defence Materiel Organisation Australian High Commission London</p> <p>Ms Geraldine Gibson International Policy Division Department of Defence</p> <p>COL Rupert Hoskin Defence Attaché – Paris Department of Defence</p> <p>Ms Kylie Bryant National Security Division Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet</p> |