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Question:

Senator WONG: Can I just come back to Mr Shearer, who is reported as having travelled to the United States in January. I understand that the fact of the exemption from the guidelines is being taken on notice. But can I ask: what was the purpose of the Prime Minister's staffer's visit?

Dr McCarthy: PM&C was not involved in Mr Shearer's visit, so we do not have that information. We were not involved in any of the preparations.

Senator WONG: Are you able to assist, Senator Abetz? What was the purpose of this—

Senator Abetz: I can take it on notice.

Answer:

Mr Shearer participated in the US Studies Centre Conference in Washington.