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**Question:**

Senator CONROY: Are ministers required to inform of certain destinations if they are going to China?

Mr McKinnon: I would have to take that on notice. I am not sure.

Senator CONROY: Ms Kelly, is there a requirement for ministers if they are travelling to any particular country for any reason? I am trying to be general. If you want me to be really specific, I can be, but I am trying to stay general. If you are a minister, would it be required to advise where you were travelling to and it was considered to be a destination that was sensitive?

Ms E Kelly: As I think Mr McKinnon said, that is Mr McKinnon's area more so than mine.

Senator CONROY: Mr McKinnon, you have been handballed it back, I am afraid.

Ms E Kelly: I think he has indicated that he is not aware of a private relationship—

CHAIR: He has taken it on notice, Senator Conroy.

**Answer:**

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet is not aware of any such requirement for ministers travelling privately overseas.