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Question:

Senator WONG: Fine. In terms of the exchange of gifts, (a) I assume that the Australian government paid for gifts provided to the Prince. (b) Did we also pay for the gifts that the Prince gave out while he was here?

Ms Kelly: I do not know that answer to that question, but I can take it on notice.

Senator WONG: The Queen of Australia, as well as the Queen of Britain—

Ms Kelly: I do not know the answer to the question.

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Senator WONG: Can I ask the same question in relation to gifts—(c) gifts presented to the Duke and Duchess and (d) gifts from the Duke and Duchess to the Prime Minister or (e) any officials. Did the Australian government meet the cost of those?

Ms Kelly: I will provide that.

Answer:

- (a) No gifts were presented to HRH Prince Henry of Wales.
- (b) No.
- (c) Yes, gifts were provided to the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge.
- (d) No.
- (e) No.