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Question:

Senator WONG: Over what period was this travel undertaken? The details of the travel.

Ms Kelly: The support was provided to the Governor-General from the time at which he became Governor-General Designate until the time of his appointment. The travel that is covered by that support would have occurred over that period, but I do not have the exact dates, other than for the travel to London.

Senator WONG: I will come to that. This is domestic travel, which is what I think paragraph (b) refers to.

Ms Kelly: Yes.

Senator WONG: Can you explain to me what the guidelines are to determine what is official travel, before an officeholder actually assumes office?

Ms Kelly: It is travel associated with the taking up of the duties.

Senator WONG: Okay. If you can update (b) that would be useful.

Answer:

See response to PM 111.