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Senator: Senator the Hon Penny Wong

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Question:

Senator WONG: Okay. Minister, you can take this on notice. Did any member of the Prime Minister's staff have a conversation with a CERHOS officer in which the issue of Ambassador Brady's partner being asked not to participate in the welcome was discussed? If so, who? Perhaps you could take that on notice and get back to us.

Answer:

After the arrival of the official party into Paris the CERHOS officer briefed the Prime Minister's Advancer of the discussion with Ambassador Brady regarding Mr Stephens' involvement in the greeting party.