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Senator: Senator the Hon Penny Wong

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Question:

Senator WONG: Just let me know if any officials or staff accompanied Mrs Abbott on her return trip, but that is fine on notice.

Ms Kelly: My understanding is not.

Senator WONG: I assume that was by commercial transport.

Ms Kelly: Yes.

Senator WONG: Which the Commonwealth meets the cost of, presumably.

Ms Kelly: Yes. It may well be the Department of Finance. That is our understanding. We will confirm that is the case.

Answer:

- (1) Mrs Abbott returned to Australia unaccompanied.
- (2) The Department of Finance met the cost of Mrs Abbott's return trip.