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**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**Senator:** Senator the Hon Joe Ludwig

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**Question:**

**Senator LUDWIG:** and what that information that I have asked for looks like. There is another one that I saw. I am happy to provide it, but you may recall it. There was an article on 23 March 2015 where the *Herald Sun* reported that the Prime Minister used his VIP aircraft to travel to a Liberal Party donor's birthday party in Melbourne. The question was not so much how the party went, but: what was the work related engagement that the Prime Minister attended in Melbourne on Sunday, 22 March?

**Senator CORMANN** I think we might take that on notice.

**Senator LUDWIG:** As you are taking the question on notice, what I would be particularly interested in is the time that the plane left Canberra and the time it arrived so we could do a time line then.

**Senator Cormann:** We will see what we can do to assist.

**Senator LUDWIG:** Let me finish. I have not finished asking for what I was going to seek. And then I am interested in the time it landed in Melbourne, the travel time between Melbourne and the time of arriving at the function, the time of the departure of the plane from Melbourne the next morning and the arrival time in Canberra. Could you provide all that?

**Senator Cormann:** We will see what we can do to assist.

**Answer:**

Reports on the use of Special Purpose Aircraft are tabled every six months. It is longstanding practice of successive governments not to disclose details of a Prime Minister's diary.