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Question:

Senator WONG: Are you able to give me numbers for PM versus the rest of the ministry?

Ms Kelly: The number 27, I am informed, includes the Prime Minister's visits.

Senator WONG: So it was 27, not 25?

Senator DASTYARI: No, 27 including the PM—that obviously includes two trips for the Prime Minister. That is what one would deduce.

Senator WONG: So two trips for the PM and 25 for everybody else. Is that right?

Ms Kelly: The figure is apparently 27, and that figure does include the Prime Minister's visits. I do not have, but I can obtain for you shortly, the number of those visits that related to the Prime Minister.

Senator WONG: Sure, we can do it that way around. Do you want to do that over the break, Ms Kelly? Would that be easier?

Answer:

Between 18 September and 18 November 2013, the Prime Minister made four overseas visits, the rest of the Ministry made 26.