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Senator: Senator the Hon Penny Wong

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Question:

Senator WONG: On the appointment of Mr Nehal Gupta, who is co-chair of Liberal Friends of India, did the department identify him as the co-chair of this political organisation at any point prior to the appointment being made?

Ms Cross: I would have to take that on notice to check that.

Senator WONG: Are you aware that he was the co-chair of Liberal Friends of India?

Ms Cross: I am aware of that. I know, as I said before, that we did ensure appropriate processes such as declarations of interest were provided. I would have to check for further information.

Senator WONG: I am happy with that. I appreciate that. You will check whether that was declared or on the CV or otherwise disclosed; is that what you are saying?

Ms Cross: Yes, we will check that.

Answer:

Consistent with longstanding practice of successive governments details of Cabinet considerations are not disclosed.