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Question:

Senator WONG: Right. Who instructed them to purchase the wine, including which brand of beverage? Was that the Prime Minister or someone else?

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

Answer:

The Official Establishments household staff purchase food and beverages on a regular basis (in bulk wherever possible) as this is most effective use of resources and not necessarily with any functions in mind. In purchasing these items, the personal preferences of the Prime Minister of the day are taken into account.