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Question:

Senator McALLISTER: Thank you, Senator Siewert. I want some background on the refurbishment of The Lodge. I know we have talked about this here before. When was the expenditure for the luggage lift approved?

Ms Kelly: I will have to take that on notice.

Senator McALLISTER: Here in estimates back in 2015 I think you told Senator Gallagher that there was a significant variation of scope in time for the 2014-15 budget that included additional funding for continuation of remedial building works at The Lodge to address some security matters and some building compliance and safety matters. Was the luggage lift included in that particular variation?

Ms Kelly: I will have to take it on notice. All can say is that it was certainly prior to Mr Turnbull becoming Prime Minister. So it was sometime prior to September last year.

Answer:

1) The Department of Finance has advised that expenditure on the luggage lift was approved in the 2014-15 Budget.

2) Yes.