

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Additional Estimates 13-16 Feb 2012

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

**Outcome/Program:** 1.1.4 Support Services for Government Operations

**Topic:** Australia Day Function - Notification of PM's movements

**Senator:** Senator Brandis

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**Question:**

Ms Leon: The notification of the Prime Minister's movements is undertaken by the office.

Senator BRANDIS: Senator Evans, can you tell us, please? You are here representing the Prime Minister.

Senator Chris Evans: I cannot tell you when that was done. Maybe I can take it on notice.

Senator BRANDIS: In the ordinary course of events, though, for a function of this character, approximately how long before it was done?

Senator Chris Evans: I cannot help you with that. I have no personal knowledge of that. It is not something that I have been briefed on. As you know, AFP officers are with the Prime Minister at all times. I am sure there is an established routine but, in terms of the question you ask, I just do not know and I have no knowledge of the normal workings of that sort of process. But I am happy to take it on notice.

**Answer:**

Neither the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, nor the Prime Minister, comment on the Prime Minister's security arrangements. Evidence on this particular matter was provided by the Australian Federal Police to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee on 14 February 2012.