

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

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Senator: Senator Brandis

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Question:

Senator Chris Evans: I do not know how long before the press conference it was, but clearly the Prime Minister had travelled down to Melbourne the previous evening? I assume that is right after the Australia Day events?

Senator BRANDIS: With Mr Hodges.

Senator Chris Evans: and she had then gone out to Flowerdale, which I understand is a decent drive?

Senator BRANDIS: With Mr Hodges.

Senator Chris Evans: I am not sure she was travelling with Mr Hodges, but I can check that for you.

Answer:

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet is advised that Mr Hodges did not accompany the Prime Minister in her vehicle on the drive from Melbourne to Flowerdale on the morning of 27 January 2012.