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Question:

Senator TROOD: I just wanted to follow up on some of the matters that we began to speak about last night rather late, and in particular some of the matters relating to WikiLeaks. Mr Lewis, have you see the Age newspaper this morning?

Mr Lewis: Yes. I have not actually read the article but I know about it. Are you referring to the article headed 'Gillard slow to read WikiLeaks briefings'?

Senator TROOD: Yes.

Senator TROOD: ... Was the Prime Minister in town at this time? Was she in Canberra?

Mr Lewis: I do not know. We can find out. I will take that on notice.

Answer:

The Prime Minister was both in Canberra and travelling throughout the period the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet supplied briefs on WikiLeaks.