

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

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Senator: Senator Smith

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Question:

Senator SMITH: Take two, Minister. I am keen to inquire around some of the process that led to the government's announcement of the events to commemorate the Queen's diamond jubilee celebrations here in Australia. I would like to start by getting an understanding about the process that led to the determination of the seven events that the Prime Minister has referred to since 7 February. To assist: I am keen to understand what, if any, community consultation might have been undertaken and what discussions might have been had with other state and territory governments.

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Senator SMITH: Okay. Are you at liberty to share what sorts of ideas came back from other jurisdictions and other governors and whether they were or were not incorporated in the list of recommendations that might have been put to the Prime Minister.

Mr Leverett: I will take that on notice.

Answer: As advised at the Finance and Public Administration Estimates hearing on 21 May 2012, the Prime Minister wrote to the Governor-General, all State Governors and the Administrator of the Northern Territory inviting them to forward any comments or suggestions they might have on how Australia might recognise the Diamond Jubilee. Those letters were sent on 18 June 2011.

The Department's view is that it would not be appropriate to disclose the content of the various replies from the Vice Regal representatives, but is able confirm that some of the proposals put forward by them were included in the Government's package of activities to recognise the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty The Queen.