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Question:

Senator FAULKNER: Would you be able to inform the committee whether—this is obviously during the life of the previous government when Mr Howard was Prime Minister—there was any consideration given to the striking of a medal for the golden jubilee of Her Majesty's reign?

Ms Leon: I can tell you that there was no medal for the previous jubilee.

Senator FAULKNER: No, I know that. I know there was no medal.

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

Senator FAULKNER: But we do not know if there was any consideration given to that and the idea rejected.

CHAIR: There was a question taken on notice earlier today whether the processes that the government of the day undertook then for the golden jubilee was the same as those being taken for the diamond jubilee. I think we could include the silver as well. I do not know whether there was a bronze.

Answer:

In 2002, the government of the day considered a range of proposals for initiatives to celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's Golden Jubilee, including suggestions for an Australian medal. The government decided not to seek the establishment of an Australian Golden Jubilee medal.

In 1977, the United Kingdom's Imperial *Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee Medal* was awarded to some Australians. At that time some Imperial awards were still being awarded to Australia.