

Hi Andrew

I trust you are well.

Apologies for the delay, below are answer to the question Senator McKenzie asked at the hearing and I took on notice

There have been three tours by the Australian netball Diamonds to the UK over the past five years (January 2013, January 2016 and January 2017) excluding the Commonwealth Games in 2014. Prior to every tour, Netball Australia contacts the High Commission to advise that the Diamonds will be in country and invite them to attend any relevant matches. On most occasions, the Diamonds have been invited to a reception at the High Commission but each time the short time lines have meant the Diamonds have been unable to accept.

2013

- Diamonds tour group invited to Australia Day reception, unable to accept
- Commission staff attended a match

2016

- Invited to Australia Day reception but the team departed on the morning of Australia Day and were unable to attend
- Commission staff attended a match

2017

- Deputy High Commissioner and family attended the match
- The High Commission had launched a sports in conversation networking series bringing together UK and Australia sports industry and business professionals. The Diamonds were asked if there would there be an opportunity for the High Commission to organise an event around the tour and would it be possible to have a panel discussion with some of the players or coaching staff. Unfortunately, the Diamonds were in the UK for such a short time that they could not find a suitable window to be involved in an event.

2018

- Diamonds will be in England in January, exact dates to be confirmed

Kind regards

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