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Question:

Senator Kitching: When did DPMC first become aware that Prime Minister Abe would visit Sydney on 14 January?

Ms Ganly: I would have to take that on notice.

Ms E Kelly: In the usual course it would be the international division that would first become aware of such a visit, and then CERHOS would put the arrangements in place, but it would be through our international division—Mr McKinnon and Ms Yu.

Mr McKinnon: It was a program and a visit agreed at only short notice. My recollection is that it was about 10 days or so.

Answer:

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet was told on 11 December 2016 that Prime Minister Abe would visit Sydney on 14 January 2017. This followed discussions of possible visit dates with the Embassy of Japan from late November 2016.