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**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**Senator:** Senator the Hon Penny Wong

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**Question:**

**Senator WONG:** Okay, why don't you consult over the break: did Ms Credlin travel with the Prime Minister, as she always does, to Europe in April?

**CHAIR:** The question has been taken on notice.

**Senator WONG:** Also, take this on notice or perhaps answer it now: what is the sensitivity about telling this committee about whether or not the Prime Minister's chief of staff—who is paid by taxpayers and whose boss is accountable to the parliament—went on a taxpayer funded trip to Europe?

**Answer:**

There is no sensitivity. It is not uncommon for a Chief of Staff to a Prime Minister to travel as required, including as part of the travelling party supporting the Prime Minister on official visits.