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Question:

Senator WONG: Who else from PM&C was present at that—so this is at the hotel prior to the presidential palace visit?

Ms Wood: Mr Thawley also attended the meeting with President Hollande, but it is my recollection he was also in the vehicles ready for the departure.

Senator WONG: Was the CERHOS officer present, Ms Spence? Ms Spence: I am not sure whether he would have gone on ahead.

Senator WONG: No, at the—

Ms Spence: I am not sure if he would have been in advance of the motorcade leaving, so I would have to take that on notice.

Answer:

The CERHOS officer was present at the hotel for the Prime Minister's departure for the meeting with President Hollande.