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Senator: Senator the Hon Penny Wong

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Ouestion:

Senator WONG: I will move now to Prime Minister's gifts. The last occasion on which the Prime Minister declared receipt of above-threshold gifts to the Registrar of Members' Interests was 17 February. On notice, can you tell us the date on which each gift declared in the declaration dated 17 February was received by the Prime Minister?

Ms Kelly: Yes, we can take that on notice.

Senator WONG: Has he received any above-threshold gifts since that bulk declaration? **Ms Kelly:** We can take that on notice. Obviously that is not within the knowledge of the department.

Answer:

The Department does not have access to this information. The Department and Prime Minister handle gifts in accordance with the Guidelines Relating to Official Gifts Received, and the requirements of the Register of Members' Interests.