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Question:

Senator WONG: Thank you. I think we talked about the rare coin—the Tom Roberts coin that was donated to the Prime Minister's office and was handed to Mr Naphali, a prime ministerial adviser at a National Gallery function. I just wondered whether the coin had been recovered. I understand that a member of Mr Roberts's family, one of his descendants, provided the coin, which had belonged to the artist, at this function for provision to the Prime Minister, and it appeared that on the last occasion it had been lost. Has anything happened with that?

Ms Kelly: We will make those inquiries now and see whether or not there have been any further developments.

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Senator WONG: Is there anything on the coin? You were coming back on that—Tom Roberts' lost coin.

Ms Kelly: I am advised that the department has no other knowledge in relation to the coin since the last estimates.

Senator WONG: Any discussions with the National Gallery about this?

Ms Ganly: Not from the department's perspective. I believe it is being handled separately.

Senator WONG: Where is it being handled then?

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Ms Ganly: We will make inquiries of the Prime Minister's office, just to see where it is up to. We will take that on notice.

Answer:

The department has no further information.