

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

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Senator: Senator the Hon Ronaldson

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Question:

Senator RONALDSON: Do you know whether the Prime Minister was at an afternoon tea with the families of ADF servicemen, as well as the lunch?

Ms Leon: On that day?

Senator RONALDSON: Yes.

Ms Leon: Was it a Government House function?

Senator RONALDSON: They were both -

Ms Leon: If they are Government House functions, then the department is not involved in organising those.

Senator RONALDSON: Was the Prime Minister at both?

Ms Leon: I would have to take that question on notice because she may well have been invited through her office and we would not necessarily know.

Answer:

The Prime Minister attended a lunch and an afternoon tea at Government House on Saturday, 10 November 2012. The Prime Minister's attendance was at the invitation of the Governor-General. The Prime Minister attended both events alongside the Leader of the Opposition.