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Senator RONALDSON-Can you detail for me the nature and cost of all official gifts given by the Prime Minister to foreign dignitaries since December 2007?

Mr Leverett-I cannot do it here and now-

Senator RONALDSON-I understand. Please take it on notice.

Answer: As agreed between Senator Faulkner and Senator Ronaldson during the Estimates hearing (Hansard F&PA of Tuesday 26 May 2009, page 81), for reasons of diplomacy it would not be appropriate to disclose the precise value of gifts given by the Prime Minister to foreign dignitaries. Gifts are typically selected from a wide range of Australian made and crafted items, purchased from sources throughout Australia, in a range of values that are suitable for presentations as official gifts. The nature of gifts varies and includes artwork, craftwork, photographs and consumables.