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Senator RONALDSON—I read about this and I asked my secretary to ascertain whether I had been invited to this exhibition. She could find no evidence of that. If indeed I had been and it has gone through elsewhere, then I apologise, but are you able to indicate whether as the shadow minister responsible for the museum I was or was not invited to the exhibition?

Ms Cowie—My recollection is that it was a small event. It was intended to be a very modest event. Partly the reason for that was that it was to take place in the Opposition Party Room and therefore the list of invitees was limited.

Senator RONALDSON—So I take it that is a no.

Ms Cowie—I would have to check that.

Answer:

Senator Ronaldson was not included in the invitation list for the 10 May reopening of the redeveloped and interpreted Opposition Party Rooms.

Because of space constraints in the Opposition Party Room invitations to current members and Senators were largely limited to those that had served or worked at Old Parliament House, or represented ACT electorates. The exceptions to this were the Minister with portfolio responsibility for Old Parliament House, Senator the Hon Joe Ludwig, and the Leader of the Opposition, the Hon Tony Abbott MP.