

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: National Museum of Australia

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Topic: Visits to the museum

Senator: Humphries

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Question:

Senator HUMPHRIES: When was the last time that the Prime Minister or a Prime Minister or a minister for the arts visited your organisation?

Mr Sayers: I would have to take on notice the first half of the question, because I am not entirely sure when the last time a Prime Minister visited the National Museum was, but I can tell you that the last time the minister for the arts visited the National Museum was for the opening of the exhibition *Not just Ned; a true history of the Irish in Australia*.

Answer:

The last official visit by a Prime Minister was on 27 November 2006, when former Prime Minister, the Hon John Howard, unveiled the National Rugby League logo for the centenary of Rugby League in Australia. Private visits by Prime Ministers are not recorded.