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Question:

Senator SMITH: I think it is fair to acknowledge, though, that the 60th anniversary, the diamond jubilee, is a quite significant and very rare occasion. Just sticking with the medal theme for the moment, have there been any representations to government prior to the Prime Minister's announcement or since suggesting that a medal program should be incorporated?

Ms Leon: I understand there were some representations from some members of the public about the desirability of a jubilee medal, yes.

Senator SMITH: I would be interested in understanding who they were, if you are at liberty to give me the names, or, more importantly, whether they were representatives of organisations.

Ms Leon: If they were individuals, we would be unlikely to reveal their names.

Senator SMITH: I accept that. If they are representing organisations, I would be keen to know who they are.

Answer:

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet received correspondence suggesting an Australian Diamond Jubilee medal, of which three were from representatives of organisations, namely: the Western Australia Local Government Association, the Naval Association of Australia (Geelong Sub-Section) Inc. and the Armadale Volunteer Fire and Rescue Brigade.