

Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Question: PM4

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Topic: Ms Rein

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Senator Ronaldson asked: Mr Mrdak, does Mr Stephens accompany Ms Rein on interstate or international travel?

Mr Mrdak-As the minister has outlined, Mr Stephens is an adviser to the Prime Minister and does on occasion accompany the Prime Minister when he travels. Yes, I am aware of that.

Senator RONALDSON-Does he accompany Ms Rein when she is travelling independently?

Mr Mrdak-Not that I am aware of. But I am happy to seek further information in that regard.

Senator RONALDSON-Do you think that is something you need to take on notice? You do not have personal knowledge of whether someone is travelling with the Prime Minister's wife?

Mr Mrdak-I have no knowledge of that. I am happy to take that on notice.

Answer:

Details of Mr Stephens' travel has been provided in the answers to questions PM31a and PM31b.