Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

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Senator: Senator Ryan

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Question:

Senator RYAN: Touche. You can take on notice whether or not there are logs kept of who enters and exits the Lodge and Kirribilli?

Ms Leon: I will take that on notice.

Senator KROGER: On that point, surely security has to be advised at the gate when a non-resident is expected at the Lodge or Kirribilli House.

Ms Leon: Quite possibly. I said I will take that on notice.

[...]

Senator RYAN: As security at the Lodge is provided by the AFP, if the staff of the department do not keep the register, please find out as part of taking that question on notice whether the AFP, which provide security to the Lodge on the department's behalf, keeps a register.

Ms Leon: We may be able to, or it may need to be directed to the Attorney-General's portfolio where the AFP appears.

Answer:

Consistent with long-standing practice, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet does not comment on the protective security arrangements for the Prime Minister or the official establishments.