

## **Wong refutes talk of death tax**

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Labor frontbencher Penny Wong has accused the Liberal Party of spreading “fake news” on Chinese social media platform WeChat that Labor is set to introduce a death tax.

Senator Wong conducted a question-and-answer session on WeChat yesterday during which she chose not to answer a number of questions, including on the US-Australia alliance, Taiwan, refugees and the handling of the case of detained Australian Yang Hengjun. (NOTE: Wong is Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs).

Senator Wong conducted the session with Labor’s Banks candidate Chris Gambian.

“This is totally untrue — there is no death tax and it’s incredibly disrespectful that the Liberal Party are spreading this false news.”

Participants who appeared to be Liberal supporters asked why their questions on the Australia-US alliance, Taiwan and refugees were not answered.

A Labor supporter named “Zhao” explained: “It’s just due to time limit. It’s impossible to answer every question.”

Senator Wong also criticised One Nation, Pauline Hanson and warned against anti-Chinese sentiment.

She said it was important that Australia’s disagreements with the Chinese government did not generate prejudice and discrimination against Chinese Australians.