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Question:

Senator McALLISTER: There has been public reporting, Minister, that a business case in relation to the gov.au platform was submitted for cabinet consideration and then withdrawn at your direction. Is that correct?

Senator Cormann: I am not aware of having withdrawn a cabinet submission, so you will have to be a bit more specific. I am not aware of having withdrawn a cabinet submission on this topic. It looks like you are asking questions in relation to matters that are within the responsibility of the Prime Minister's portfolio and specifically the Digital Transformation Office. So I am not sure what information you are relying on there. I am happy to take on notice and see whether there is anything I can add to that answer, but I am not aware of that proposition that you put to me. I was given advice, which I have just shared with the committee. Senator McAllister, I was directly translating what has been put to me.

Answer:

All lines of questioning in relation to the operations of the Digital Transformation Agency (DTA) should be directed to the DTA, which sits in the portfolio of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.