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Question: (Senator Ronaldson)

Senator RONALDSON— Madam Chair, I wonder whether the minister has in her briefing note any information as to the rather extraordinary removal of any mention of the China Australia Cooperation Society on any website anywhere—and indeed all references to Minister Burke being an honorary adviser being removed in the most thorough, thorough fashion. Indeed, there is now no record at all of that. Is there any mention of that in the briefing note, I wonder?

Senator Wong—I have read everything with which I have been provided, Senator. I am happy to take it on notice...

Answer:

I am unable to comment on this issue as it does not fall within my portfolio responsibilities.