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Senator TROOD-So the question of base security alerts and things of that kind was not a matter that touched your office, not an activity for which you had any responsibilities?

Mr Campbell-As I said, we were aware and the relevant agencies were also aware and active.

Senator TROOD-Perhaps you could get that information for me or at least inquire. I will put that on notice as well.

Answer:

Decisions concerning Defence base security are operational matters and are the responsibility of the Minister for Defence and his department. The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet was made aware of developments by the operational agencies as was appropriate and necessary.