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Senator David Shoebridge

Question

Senator SHOEBRIDGE: Finally, on notice, can you address the repeated calls we've had for Australia to work bilaterally with Bangladesh, India and Thailand to find new avenues for aid and support to come in to resistance groups. Can you take those on notice.

Mr Zurbrugg: **Yes, we can.**

Answer

We regularly discuss the crisis with neighbouring countries, and continue to look for new avenues to address the political crisis and humanitarian situation. We continue to strongly support ASEAN-led efforts to resolve the crisis in Myanmar, including the work of the ASEAN Chair and Special Envoy, consistent with the ASEAN Five-Point Consensus.

The Australian Government continues to use every lever at our disposal – bilaterally, regionally and multilaterally – to press the regime for the cessation of violence, the release of those unjustly detained, unimpeded humanitarian access and a return to the path of democracy.