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PJCIS Review of the Counter-Terrorism Legislation Amendment (Declared Areas) Bill 2024 - ASIO's response to a Question on Notice

Question 1

Mr WALLACE: D-G, are you aware of any consideration of using the powers in relation to prescribing areas like southern Lebanon or in Gaza, as we speak?

Mr Burgess: I'm not across any detailed conversations about that.

Mr WALLACE: You said 'detailed conversations'. Are you aware of any conversations on foot at the moment—and not limited to those two areas. Are there any discussions about the regime being used at all?

Mr Burgess: Good question. I will take that on notice. In my mind I'm aware of general conversations, not detailed, and we haven't been asked for formal advice on any particular areas that we might consider worthy. But I get your point around southern Lebanon and what might be happening there. I'm not aware of any detailed conversations. Let me take that on notice for you.

Response

Yes, ASIO is aware of general conversations about these powers. However, ASIO defers to the Department of Home Affairs as the lead on counter-terrorism policy and coordination.