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CHAIR: Speaking as a representative of the Prime Minister's Department, has the Prime Minister received advice from ASD about TikTok?

Mr Colquhoun: I'll have to take that on notice, Senator.

Answer:

Yes.

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CHAIR: When the Prime Minister told the Aspen Security Forum: ... we have had a look, a good look at this, and there is no evidence for us to suggest, having done that, that there is any misuse of any people's data... what was that statement based on?

Mr Colquhoun: I'd have to take that on notice. However, I would assume that it was the guidance from ASD, but I can take it on notice.

Answer:

The statement made by the Prime Minister, the Hon Scott Morrison MP, at the Aspen Security Forum was based on advice provided by Government agencies, including the Australian Signals Directorate.