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Senator Barry O'Sullivan: asked the Civil Aviation Safety Authority on 27 October 2017—

CHAIR: You're telling me someone started an investigation and interviewed an individual, at least with a view to a prosecution, and didn't record it to the standard that would be required to underpin that prosecution? Are there no notes, no contemporaneous record of the conversation, no recording taped, no video or otherwise? Is that what you're telling us? **Dr Aleck:** I will only say that the maximum consequence of such an event was an infringement notice. I'm not aware of matters of that kind. **CHAIR:** That is not the burden of my question. Are you telling this committee that your investigator, confronted with a witness or a potential offender, who you say wasn't totally cooperative, did not record in any shape or form the interview that took place? **Dr Aleck:** I said I don't believe so, but I'll confirm that.

Answer —

The CASA Investigator who spoke with Mr Ashby about Mr Ashby's operation of a drone in the parliamentary precincts on 21 June 2017 kept written record of his exchanges with Mr Ashby.