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Senator: Senator the Hon Penny Wong

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Question:

Senator WONG: Was Mr Shearer authorised to provide background material and on-the-record comments about intelligence briefings he had received and, if so, who provided that authorisation?

Dr McCarthy: As I have said, PM&C did not have any involvement in the—

Senator Abetz: I will take that on notice.

Senator WONG: Okay

Answer:

Mr Shearer did not receive intelligence briefings during his visit.