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Senator: Senator the Hon Penny Wong

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Question:

Senator WONG: The question I asked was: was Mr Shearer authorised to provide background material and/or on-the-record comment about intelligence briefings he had received and, if so, who provided that authorisation? Was Mr Shearer authorised to provide any on-the-record comments, whilst in Washington, about the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank?

Senator Abetz: I will take that on notice.

Answer:

Mr Shearer's comments at the US Studies Centre Conference were personal observations, in his capacity as a guest of the Centre.