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Question:

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Am I correct in understanding that the Prime Minister's staff are not authorised to approve or reject the use of a special-purpose aircraft?

Senator Ronaldson: This is a matter for Defence. That should have been raised either in PM&C or in Defence. This office is not in a position to answer that question.

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: It is just as I said: the guidelines are pretty clear on it and these are an appendix to the guidelines. I am not aware of any advice that has suggested that that has changed, and it seems that neither is the department at this point in time.

Senator Ronaldson: On that basis we will take it on notice.

Answer:

The Guidelines for Special Purpose Aircraft are the responsibility of the Minister for Defence.

The most recent guidelines provided to the Department of Finance are dated 2010.