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Question:

Are all emails transacting official business sent by departmental officers on the PM&C network?

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Answer:

All emails transacting official business sent by departmental officers are sent using the Department network. The only exception is emails that contain highly classified material which are sent using other agency networks.

Emails sent by ministerial staff transacting official business primarily utilise the Department network, but may also utilise the Department of Parliamentary Services network. Similarly, highly classified emails may be sent on networks hosted by other agencies.