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Question:

Senator FAULKNER: I am not coming in here pretending anything. I am just coming in here asking questions. At the moment, the critical question about the guidelines has not been answered. If you go to another one of the 46 videos that appear on the website, that is entitled, "A message from the Prime Minister—Tasmanian and South Australian elections." Again, I would ask, Ms Kelly, how is it possible that such a message could find itself there, when:

Agency-funded websites should not contain material of a party political nature.

How is it possible?

Senator Abetz: Once again, we will take that on notice. But it is not for the official to respond to that.

Answer:

Staff in the Prime Minister's Office upload videos to YouTube and an embedded link is placed on pm.gov.au.

The Prime Minister's Office determines the material uploaded.