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Senator: Senator the Hon Penny Wong

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Question:

Senator WONG: In relation to the principle that Senator Faulkner referred to, which is contained in the guidelines; that is, that agency funded websites should not contain material that are of a party political nature. I want to know whether, at any point, any officer in the department has raised that issue with the Prime Minister's office in relation to content that was to be uploaded or has been uploaded, given your obligation to observe those guidelines.

Ms Kelly: I will take that on notice.

Answer:

The department has discussed with staff from the office of the Prime Minister the nature of the content that can be hosted on the pm.gov.au website.