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Senator: Senator the Hon Penny Wong

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Question:

Senator FAULKNER: I am just asking whether the nature of the material had been raised. Ms Kelly had talked about legality. I am broadening it to nature.

Senator WONG: I thought before the break the questions I asked—and I assumed you would check—was whether or not anyone in the department had raised with the Prime Minister's office the content of the material that was being uploaded and whether or not that was consistent with those guidelines.

Ms Kelly: I am not able to make that inquiry and provide you with reliable information over the course of the break and not—

Senator WONG: Do you know if anybody has?

Ms Kelly: Senator, as I said, I do not know and so I will take that on notice.

Senator WONG: No, you did not say that; you said, "I am not able to." I asked: do you know if anyone has?

Ms Kelly: I am not aware of that occurring, but I will take it on notice and make inquiries. But I will not be able to have that done reliably today.

Senator WONG: Ms Cross, do you know if anyone has?

Answer:

Please refer to PM 66.