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Question:

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: There is one final question about Mr Stafford that I would like to ask. Does he have a positive security vetting clearance?

Senator Abetz: I do not know about that.

Ms Cross: We would have to take that on notice. We will find that out for you.

Answer:

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet has not previously commented on the level of an individual's security clearance and does not propose to do so in this case. Access to all information within the Prime Minister's Office is granted in accordance with Protective Security Policy Framework.