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Question:

Senator WONG: I have a submarine question. Dr McCarthy, since the last round of estimates, has the department had any engagement with the government of Japan in relation to the Future Submarines Program?

Dr McCarthy: Not PM&C. That engagement has been led by the Department of Defence.

Senator WONG: Has Mr Shearer from the Prime Minister's office had further contact with his Japanese counterparts in relation to submarine procurement?

Dr McCarthy: I will take that on notice.

Senator WONG: To your knowledge, has he?

Dr McCarthy: Senator, that is a question for Mr Shearer, which I will take on notice.

Answer:

Not that the Department is aware of.