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Question:

Senator WATT: Let's see how we go. I do not have the date for this, but Senator Hanson has stated on *Sky News* that she was advised at an earlier time by the Electoral Commission that there was 'no issue' with the plane donation. Is that correct?

Mr Rogers: That is absolutely part of 316(3). No comment on that. It is all part of the same process.

Senator WATT: So that claim from Senator Hanson is part of the investigation?

Mr Rogers: No, it goes to the investigation as in it is talking about the plane—it is talking about a range of issues associated with the investigation, and I am loathe to talk any further about it.

Senator WATT: I think I know what your answer will be, but I might request on notice a copy of the advice—if indeed it was provided—from the Electoral Commission that there was no issue with the plane donation.

Mr Rogers: I am happy to take that on notice, but I tell you it is unlikely I will be able to provide anything to you on that.

Answer:

In line with standard practice, the Australian Electoral Commission does not comment on matters currently under investigation.