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Question:

Senator WONG: Mr MacGibbon, do you communicate on WhatsApp with anyone in the Prime Minister's office?

Mr MacGibbon: Yes, I do from time to time.

Senator WONG: Who do you communicate with on WhatsApp?

Mr MacGibbon: Various people. It might be something like 'Could you call me?' which would be totally available if that was relevant to an FOI application.

Senator WONG: With whom and at what level—chiefs of staff, the national security adviser?

Mr MacGibbon: I would have to get back to you, if that is okay. But I have communicated with several people inside the PMO—

Answer:

At the time of the question, Mr MacGibbon had used WhatsApp to communicate with various Senior Members of the Prime Minister's Office.