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Senator Farrell, Don asked:

Senator FARRELL: I have some other questions regarding the serious and organised crime announcement. In the incoming-government brief, the OTS identified a commitment on 28 June 2016 by the Prime Minister and Minister Keenan and in fact provided a brief. The commitment is described as being to 'strengthen the background checking regimes to ensure individuals with links to serious and organised crime cannot gain access to our airports, ports or other Commonwealth sites where security is a concern'. Is a copy of that announcement available?

Ms Wimmer: I am sure we could track it down for you. We can take that on notice.

Senator FARRELL: Thank you. Was there a media release associated with that?

Mr Farmer: I do not think there was a media release.

Senator FARRELL: But you can supply us with a copy of the announcement?

Ms Wimmer: We will see if we can find you one.

Senator FARRELL: Where will you look for that, Ms Wimmer?

Ms Wimmer: Most likely the internet.

Senator FARRELL: Thank you very much.

Answer:

The link to announcement is
<<https://www.ministerjustice.gov.au/Mediareleases/Pages/2016/ThirdQuarter/Securing-airports-and-seaports-against-serious-or-organised-crime.aspx>>.