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Mr Mrdak-I am not aware that the Prime Minister's office has access to that database. That is a departmental system. We essentially manage the registration process. We also look to identify where there may be any issues in relation to security or the like in relation to any location, and that is work that we do with the Federal Police and state police. But those are matters which the department manages.

Senator RONALDSON-So you have had no requests at all for access to that database?

Mr Mrdak-Not that I am aware of. I will take that on notice but I am not aware of any request to access the database.

Answer: The Prime Minister's Office has neither sought nor had access to the database.