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Senator RONALDSON-In light of this further example of another legendary prime ministerial dummy spit, are you aware of whether security was called anytime during what that highly regarded Age journalist, Katharine Murphy, described as a 'bruising enough outburst by Mr Rudd'?

Senator Ludwig-I will take it on notice. I am not aware of that, no.

Answer: As Prime ministerial personal security arrangements are a matter for the Australian Federal Police and the Attorney-General's Department, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet does not have any knowledge of the matters referred to in the question.