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**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**Question:**

**Senator LUDLAM: Is it Australian government policy to seek the closure of the WikiLeaks website?**

**Dr McCarthy: Not that I am aware of, no.**

**Senator LUDLAM: Minister, do you want to address that? It is probably not fair to ask the department.**

**Senator Chris Evans: I have no knowledge of any such policy, but I am happy to take it on notice.**

**Dr McCarthy: I am as sure as I can be, Senator, that there is no such policy.**

**Senator Chris Evans: That would have been my first reaction but, rather than give you evidence that I was not sure was absolutely correct, I thought I should take it on notice.**

**Senator LUDLAM: Thanks.**

**Answer:**

It is not Australian Government policy to seek the closure of the WikiLeaks website.