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Question:

Senator ABETZ: I do. Talking about this 457 visa holder, who is ultimately responsible for the tweets that emerge from Mr McTernan and the PMO press office?

Senator Conroy: I would have to take that one on notice. I should note that with my own Twitter account—it is Conroy MO, meaning ministerial office—my staff will not let me near it—

Answer:

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet had no role in managing the tweets from Mr McTernan and the Press Office of the former Prime Minister, the Hon Julia Gillard MP. This was a matter for the former Prime Minister's office.