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Question:

Senator LUDLAM: When was the last time that the department received a briefing—if at all—from Australian diplomats attending the hearings of Private First Class Bradley Manning in the United States?

Mr Sadleir: I will have to take that on notice. I do not have that information with me. I am aware that there has been cable traffic on this.

Senator LUDLAM: If you could take on notice for me and provide me in a little bit more detail than that on whether there have been face-to-face briefings and on the degree of visibility that the department has of those hearings, which are obviously ongoing.

Mr Sadleir: I am happy to do so.

Answer:

There have been no face-to-face briefings of the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet staff.