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Answers to Questions on Notice

Topic: Airborne attack on Parliament House

Question: P2

Senator Bob Brown—I am interested to know whether that potential is being coordinated by a department that you are aware of. I would think that you ought to be aware of it if it is there.

Ms Penfold—I am not aware of any specific plans addressing an airborne attack on Parliament House. I am certainly not aware of any more general plans to intercept an airborne attack.

Senator Bob Brown—Could you find out, to the best of your ability, whether such an eventuality is being catered for. A lot of money has been spent proofing Parliament House from potential bombers or violent attack at ground level, but obviously the aerial option needs to have been addressed as well. It would be very helpful if you could find out.

Ms Penfold—I will see what I can find out but, even if I do find out, it may not be my information to give out.

Answers:

The Department of Parliamentary Services does not have any further information about this matter that it can provide.