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Question:

Senator RYAN: Sure. In the Prime Minister's address to Congress, there was a rather embarrassing mispronunciation of an important battle, particularly to Americans. I will do my best to pronounce it, noting that I am not addressing a joint sitting of Congress, when I refer to the battle of Pont Duoc. The Prime Minister pronounced it profoundly differently. Has the department undertaken some steps to make sure that does not happen again? If Barack Obama next week mispronounces Gallipoli then, quite frankly, this is the way many Americans would feel about what the Prime Minister said.

[...]

Senator Chris Evans: Maybe Dr McCarthy can advise whether there has been any follow-up?

Dr McCarthy: I can take on notice the question of whether there was any follow-up on that matter

Answer: Appropriate care is taken to ensure that pronunciation is correct in speeches.