

Tabled by Senator Carr:

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Dear Professor,

In reviewing the information contained in an application submitted by your university, DP21XXX. It has come to our attention that Professor XXX, a named participant on this application, is from XXX University, which is rated as a 'high' risk institution on the Australian Strategic Policy Institute (ASPI) [China Defence Universities Tracker website](#).

I seek your urgent advice in relation to the following:

- What due diligence activities were undertaken by your organisation to judge the security risks of the proposed research outlined in the application and what risk level was determined?
- What due diligence activities have been undertaken by your organisation in relation to Professor X's affiliation with XXX University?
- What arrangements are in place to protect the IP generated from this research project to ensure that the benefit of this research remains in Australia?

Can you please provide advice back to me by **COB Wednesday 7 October 2020**.

I appreciate your managing this request for information in strict confidence.

Kind regards

**Kathie Dent | Chief Program Officer | Programs Branch**

