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Senate Select Committee on Foreign Interference through Social Media

QoN Number: 2

Subject: Wechat meeting attendee information

Asked by: James Paterson

Question:

PATERSON: Can I ask you to check these facts, to find out whether or not at the meeting from either the CFI Coordinator or anyone else who attended the meeting, whether or not the establishment of a WeChat account by Minister Morrison was discussed and canvassed at the meeting, whether or not any assurances were sought from the Australian side about how the WeChat account would be managed and where there and assurances that were given by Tencent on behalf of WeChat on how that account would be managed.

Ms Pfeiffer: Certainly

Answer:

Please see response to QoN 1 which provides information regarding discussions held at the meeting. There is no indication that the WeChat account of the then Prime Minister Morrison was discussed at the meeting.

The Department of Home Affairs does not currently employ anyone who was present at the meeting.