

Additional Written Questions on Notice for TikTok Australia - hearing 11 July 2023
Answers received 21 July 2023

Additional written questions on notice unanswered as at 21 July 2023: nil

Additional QON1: Forbes reported in May 2023 that TikTok has stored sensitive financial and personal data of its TikTok creators in China, just after your CEO Shou Zi Chew told the US congress that American data has always been stored in Virginia and Singapore.

a. Are these reports accurate? Why or why not?

The answer to the honourable Senator's question is as follows:

The Forbes report conflated two categories of data. TikTok stands by the statements made by our company executives to the U.S. Congress. We were asked about, and our testimony focused on, the protected user data collected in the app.

b. Can you confirm whether any Australian TikTok users' personal information including financial data is stored in China, or is accessible by TikTok or ByteDance employees in mainland China? If so, please list the number of Australian users whose personal information is accessible or is stored in China.

The answer to the honourable Senator's question is as follows:

All Australian user data collected via the TikTok app is stored in Singapore, Malaysia and the United States. It is not stored in China.