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**PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY SPOKEN QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Senate Foreign Interference through Social Media

**QoN Number: 4**

**Subject: Security agency visibility**

**Asked by:** Claire Chandler

**Question:**

CHANDLER: What visibility do our security agencies have over whether social media companies are limiting the reach of certain parliamentarians on social media or boosting others?

Ms Pfeiffer: Senator, I might have to take that question on notice and come back to you. It is quite a broad group of agencies that you are asking for their knowledge of so we might have to come back to you.

**Answer:**

It would be inappropriate to detail, in an unclassified forum, the extent to which security agencies have visibility of foreign interference through social media.

If instances of suspected foreign interference via social media are identified by individuals there are mechanisms open to them to report this including referring to the platform or reporting to the National Security Hotline.

The multi-agency Counter Foreign Interference Taskforce, which is led by the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation and has membership including the Australian Federal Police and other national intelligence community agencies, has responsibility to discover, disrupt and investigate foreign interference activity.