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Senator XENOPHON: May I put this to you on notice: insofar as there appears to have been contact between witness K through Mr Collaery and, in 2008, with IGIS, will you be making any inquiries to see whether those notes, the memorandum, or any records of that conversation or correspondence made any reference to witness K's concerns in respect of what allegedly occurred in the East Timorese cabinet room?

Ms Stone: As I said, I think that is covered by my answer, but I am happy to take the question on notice.

Answer:

My predecessor made a full and comprehensive search of our records in preparing her statement of 6 December 2013. I have reviewed relevant notes and files in the office of the IGIS and, as I stated at the 22 February 2016 hearing, I am comfortable that that statement is correct. I have noted the comments Mr Collaery made to the Senate Privileges Committee in May 2014. Those comments do not change the IGIS's position. I have nothing further to add to the 6 December 2013 statement by the former IGIS and the comments I made in the Estimates hearing on 22 February 2016.