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Question:

Senator WONG: Dr McCarthy, I was only half-listening; I apologise. Mr Moriarty is taking over your role as the PM&C rep on the task force?

Dr McCarthy: That is right.

Senator WONG: Can we get a list of all of your functions or roles that he will take over?

Dr McCarthy: We can take that on notice.

Answer:

Mr Greg Moriarty was appointed as the Commonwealth Counter-Terrorism Coordinator (CT Coordinator) commencing on 1 June 2015.

Mr Moriarty will be the key point of contact and advice for the Prime Minister and the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister on Counter-Terrorism.

The CT Coordinator's role will ensure that there is clear leadership, a single point of coordination, and that relevant agencies are working together on counter-terrorism challenges. The CT Coordinator will assume the role of Commonwealth co-chair for the Australia-New Zealand Counter-Terrorism Committee.

Mr Moriarty will also represent the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet on the Australian Parliament House Security Taskforce and will chair the associated Senior Officials Meetings.