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QUESTION No. BI-76

Senator ABETZ—In that case, the answer is no. It is very simple. But are you telling us now that the leak of Mr Ferguson's letter is also subject to an Australian Federal Police inquiry?

Senator Carr—As I understood it, that was the case.

Senator ABETZ—First we got the Ferguson letter and then, I understand, Mr Oakes got—

Senator Carr—We will check that. I must say that I am not running Federal Police inquiries—

ANSWER

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) has advised that the unauthorised release of Minister Ferguson's letter is one of the matters that the Australian Federal Police has been asked by the Secretary of PM&C to investigate.