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Senator TROOD-The first question I put, and let me repeat it, was: did the views of ONA and DIO, which you have acknowledged were contributing agencies to the preparation of the defence white paper, more or less accord with each other with regard to China's rise and whether or not China's rise constituted a threat to Australia's strategic interests? That is question 1.

Answer: The Department does not comment on the views or assessments of intelligence agencies.