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**Senator:** Senator Ryan

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**Question:**

**Senator RYAN:** But, without being an expert in the field, I realise that the questions one asks can give people a hint as to the way of someone's thinking. That is probably what this committee is more about than most things! Have you discussed Afghanistan with Lowy?

**Mr Maude:** I have not participated in any of the exchanges with Lowy, so I would have to take that on notice.

**ONA Response:**

Afghanistan has been discussed as part of broader unclassified, private discussions with the Lowy Institute.