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**Mr ABBOTT** (Warringah—Leader of the Opposition) (14:58): Speaker, I wish to make a personal explanation.

The SPEAKER: Does the honourable member claim to have been misrepresented?

**Mr ABBOTT:** I do.

The SPEAKER: The Leader of the Opposition has the call.

**Mr ABBOTT:** On a number of occasions this week the Prime Minister has claimed that I have not sought security briefings. I have had multiple briefings from ASIO, including from the director-general. I have had briefings from the Australian Federal Police, from Border Protection Command and from customs. I have had numerous briefings on intelligence and on defence, and most recently I had a briefing from the Australian Secret Intelligence Service. The Prime Minister should stop misleading on this subject.