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Mr ABBOTT (Warringah—Leader of the Opposition) (15:43): I wish to make a personal explanation.

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

Mr ABBOTT: Yes.

The SPEAKER: Please proceed.

Mr ABBOTT: In question time today, and on other occasions this week, the Prime Minister has claimed that I have sought no intelligence briefings. I have had multiple briefings from the Department of Defence. I have had multiple briefings from ASIO, including from the Director-General. I have been briefed by the Australian Federal Police, by Border Protection Command and, on a number of occasions, by Customs. I have had numerous briefings on intelligence and defence—

The SPEAKER: Order! The member needs to show where he has been misrepresented.

Mr ABBOTT: This is the misrepresentation! It is a massive misrepresentation of the facts. And most recently I had an ASIS briefing.