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Senator Malcolm Roberts: asked the Civil Aviation Safety Authority on 9 February 2026—

Senator ROBERTS: Isn't it true that an independent probe into CASA's remotely piloted aircraft system, drones, branch's alleged wrongdoing was finished on 12 December 2021 and that CASA refuses to release it or carry out all recommendations? And isn't the real reason that public release would confirm systemic wrongdoing inside the CASA remotely piloted aircraft systems branch?

Ms Spence: No. The report that you're referring to has been considered within CASA. It was prepared for CASA. It looked at the way in which we were undertaking our regulatory arrangements. It identified reforms that we could implement, and we're working our way through those. We didn't accept some of them, but that's perfectly reasonable. We're making sure that we're looking at how we do our work, and we're improving things as we need to.

Senator ROBERTS: Can we have a look at that report?

Ms Spence: Can I take that on notice please?

Senator ROBERTS: Sure.