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The Hon Michelle Rowland MP

Minister for Communications

STATEMENT

Post-incident review following Optus outage

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