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You're right, Chris. It's a worrying time and particularly for families as they're on holidays with their kids or returning to work, they want to know that the Government's doing everything possible to keep them safe and we are. Great credit to the New South Wales Police who have charged this 26-year old male for an incident that allegedly occurred in June of last year, and there's a lot of work that goes on, as I said to you and on your network before, a lot of work that goes on 24/7 now.

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PETER DUTTON: [Interrupts] [Indistinct] interview without [indistinct].

CHRIS KENNY: [Talks over] Without the cheeky question, yeah. Are you pleased that your Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull has thrown more fuel onto the fire of the republican debate.

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CHRIS KENNY: Indeed. Thanks very much for joining us, Peter, and all the best for 2018.

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Hi team,

Grateful if the MO could get the attached uploaded to the MIBP website asap please.

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