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Good morning s 22(1)(a)(ii),

Regarding this morning's development in the Trump trial, the following TPs have been provided to FMO by DFAT:

- Note the verdict in the state criminal trial in New York State against Donald Trump.
- These are matters for the US legal system and you would not expect me to run commentary.
- The 2024 Presidential election is a matter for the United States Government and its people
 - we will not be drawn into hypothesising about the outcomes.
- There is strong bipartisan support for the Alliance within both Australia and the United States
- We are committed to working with the United States Government and the Congress of the day to pursue Australia's interests and strengthen our Alliance, as successive Australian governments have always done.

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Australian Government comments

On 31 May, Education Minister Jason Clare said, “I am reticent to comment on court proceedings in another country or to say anything about the domestic politics of the United States. Obviously it’s a decision for the American people to make later this year about who the next president is.”

NDIS Minister Bill Shorten said, “I think governments of both sides in Australia will deal with whoever the American political system elects. I think the alliance is stronger than the personalities.”

Opposition Leader Peter Dutton said, “If you look back to 2016, he [Trump] won no electoral votes in New York. He’s despised there. There’s obviously two tribes here, and the one tribe who detest him and hate him. And you saw some of the emotion in some of the interviews, just then. And the other tribe love him and adore him, and for different reasons on both sides. And all it will do is reinforce the views on both of those camps, but obviously it will make for an even, you know ... more exciting election, I suppose, in November.”

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Regards, Dave