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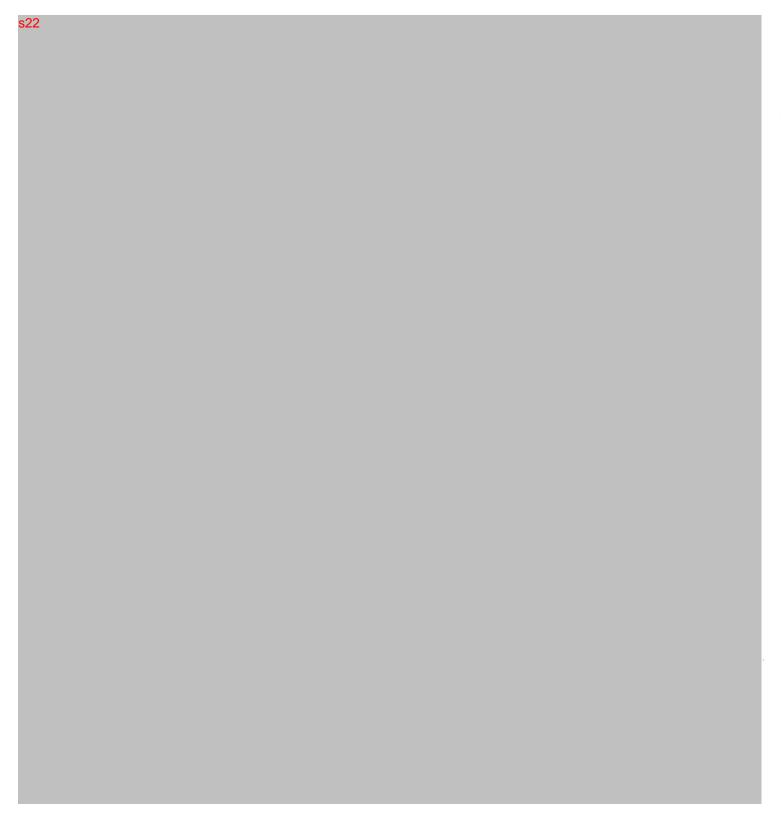
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The one guest Scott Morrison WASN'T allowed to bring: How the White House vetoed Prime Minister's plan to bring Hillsong pastor and 'mentor' Brian Houston to Washington for lavish state dinner

The Daily Mail by Eliza Mcphee; Kylie Stevens For Daily Mail Australia Saturday 21st September 2019 at 4.01pm

Mr Morrison had asked for Brian Houston to join him on the official visit with US President Donald Trump but was told by White House staff that Mr Houston was not invited.

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Hillsong leader snub just gossip, insists PM

The Sydney Morning Herald by David Crowe

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Prime Minister Scott Morrison has deflected questions about whether he put forward Hillsong church leader Brian Houston to join him at a state visit in Washington DC, telling journalists it was "gossip" that did not warrant a comment. Mr...

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We will continue to monitor overnight and provide a separate media report tomorrow morning.

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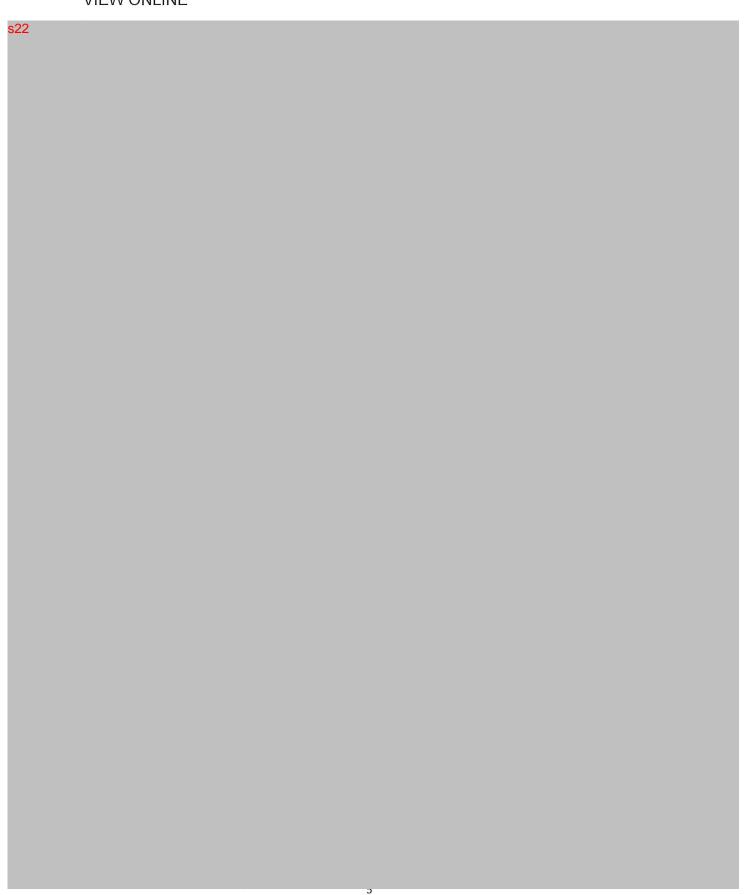
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Canberra Times by Kirsten Lawson Monday 21st October 2019 at 3.32pm

Public servants claim the answer could impact international relations

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Mathias Cormann takes on notice Penny Wong's questions about the guest list for the White House state dinner. He says there are unsourced rumours at play - one question is about whether Scott Morrison wanted Hillsong pastor Brian Houston to be invited #auspol #estimates

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Penny Wong maintains the public has a right to know if the Prime Minister wanted pastor Brian Houston to get an invite to the White House state dinner. She says Scott Morrison should be man enough to say if he sought an invite for the Hillsong leader #estimates

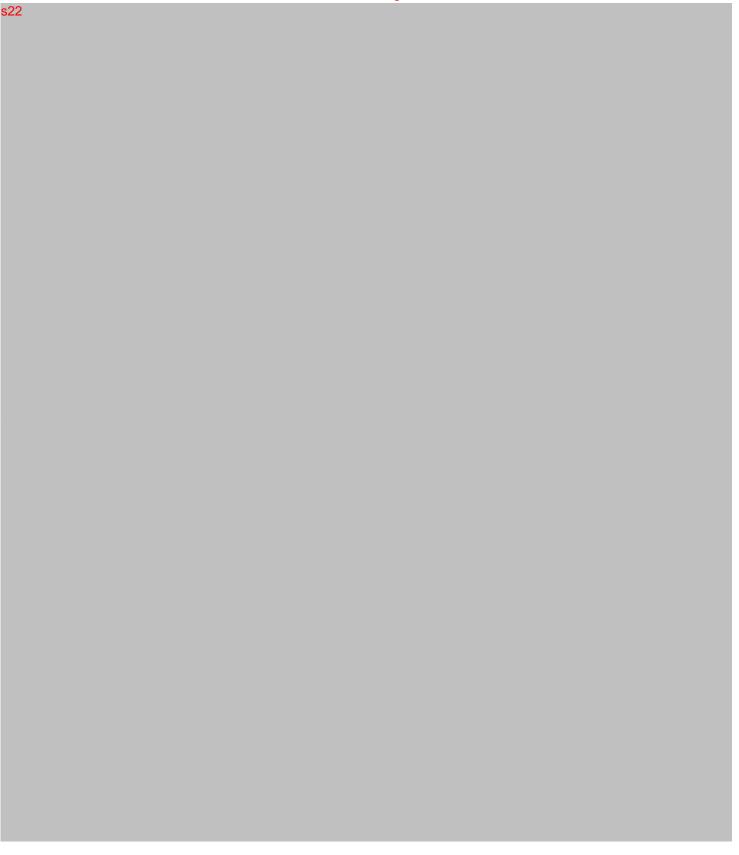
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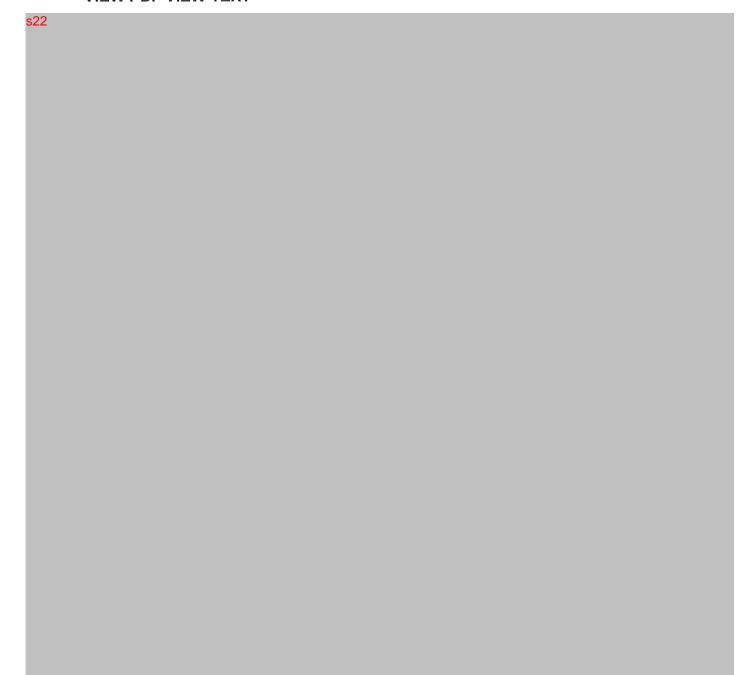
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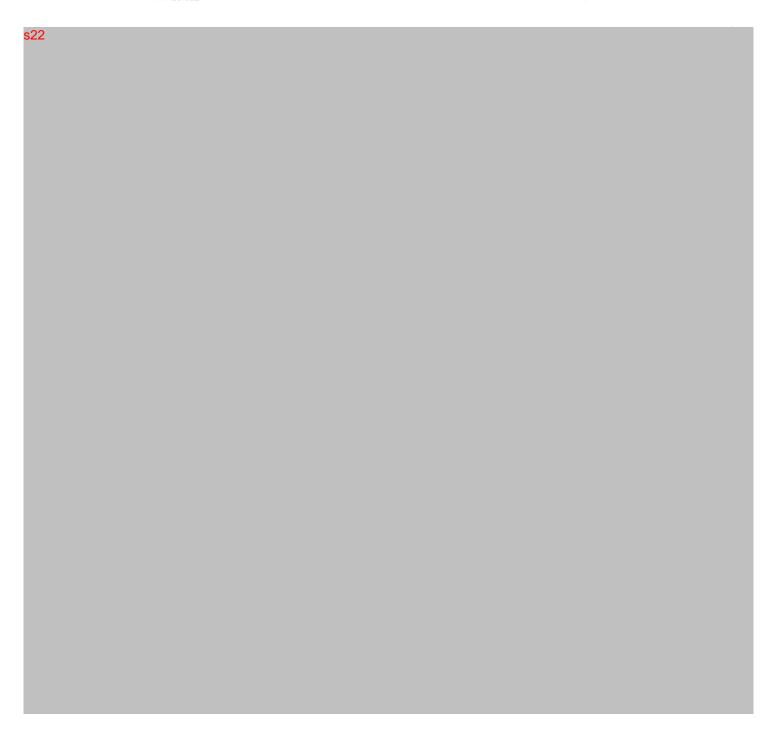
Senate Estimates: Government evades questions on Brian Houston's White House state dinner invite

The Australian by Michael Roddan Monday 21st October 2019 at 5.44pm

The government has refused to clarify whether Scott Morrison invited the head of the Hillsong church to dinner at the White House hosted by Donald Trump out of concern it could impact on international relations.

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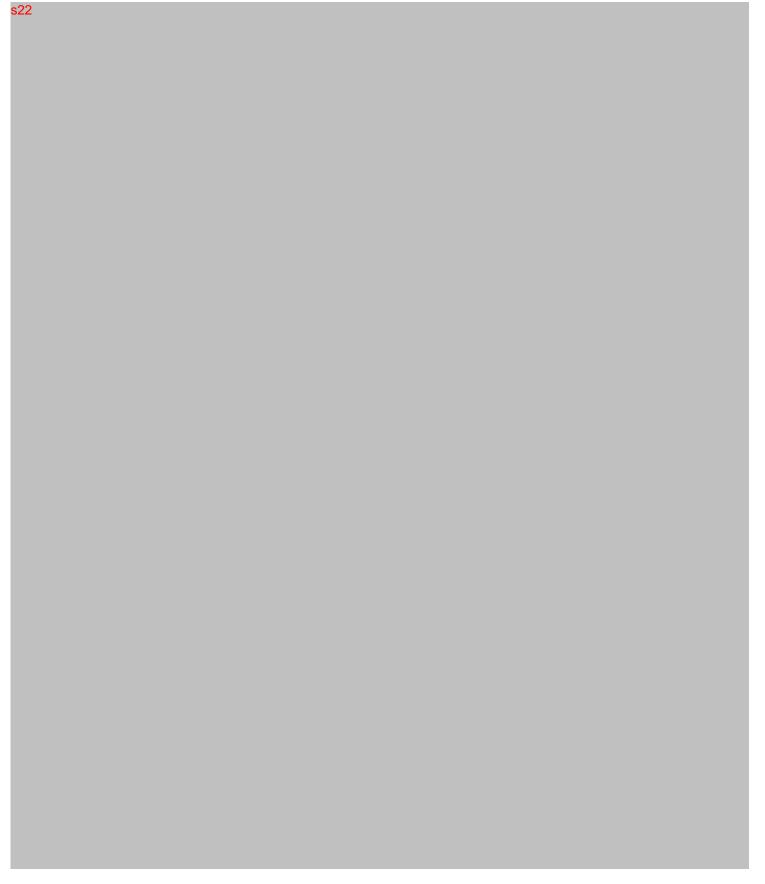
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Hillsong head 'has no idea' over PM's White House snub

The Australian by Greg Brown Friday 25th October 2019 at 12.00am - Page 6

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Hillsong founder Brian Houston says he has no idea whether Scott Morrison attempted to secure him an invitation to the White House, saying he has not contacted his long-term friend to clarify the media reporting. Mr Houston has spoken...

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Brian Houston says he 'genuinely doesn't know' if PM wanted him at White House dinner

The Guardian by Paul Karp Thursday 24th October 2019 at 6.32pm

Hillsong pastor says he hasn't discussed matter with Scott Morrison who has 'more important things' to worry about

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