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Senator the Hon Penny Wong

Telephone call with His Royal Highness Faisal bin Farhan Al-Saud, Foreign Minister, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

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- We're concerned at recent attacks on commercial shipping in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden
 - these represent a direct threat to maritime security and jeopardise the lives of crews – seek Saudi views on the attacks
 - keen to get your assessment of Houthi intentions.
- Interested in how the Saudi-Houthi Talks are progressing and how close an agreement is.

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