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Mr David Anderson
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Dear Mr Anderson

2022-23 Budget estimates: Speech by Ms Louise Milligan to ACT Women Lawyers Association

I write to provide you with advanced notice that during your appearance at Senate estimates before the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee on Tuesday 8 November 2022, I am seeking answers to the following questions:

1. Please provide a transcript of the speech and a copy of any recording of the speech by ABC Four Corners reporter, Ms Louise Milligan, to the ACT Women Lawyers Association in Canberra on 21 October 2022 (**Speech**).
2. Please provide all correspondence including emails, messages (including sent or received via SMS, whatsapp or signal), briefing notes and file notes between Ms Milligan and any other ABC employee, contractor, sub-contractor or other worker (**ABC Personnel**) relating to the Speech, with particular reference to concerns raised in a newspaper report titled 'Journalist's speech to women lawyers ends in tears' which was published in *The Australian* online on 1 November 2022.
3. Please provide a copy of any complaint by any third party sent to the ABC including Ms Milligan about the Speech.
4. Please provide details of any payment, including in-kind payment, received by Ms Milligan for making the Speech?
5. Did Ms Milligan seek the ABC's prior approval to make the Speech including by providing an advance copy of the Speech and, if so, did the ABC provide such prior approval?
6. Given the ABC Board's obligation under section 8 of the *Australian Broadcasting Corporation Act 1983* (Cth) "...to maintain the independence and integrity of the Corporation ...", what are the ABC's policies concerning ABC Personnel performing services for any other organisation, whether paid or unpaid, including in relation to writing books, giving speeches or making public appearances?

Please note, as a courtesy, that I may make this letter public including by way of tabling it at Senate estimates.

Thank you for your consideration of these matters.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sarah Henderson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sarah Henderson

6 November 2022