

Monday 27 February 2023

Senator Karen Grogan Chair Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee Canberra. ACT. 2600

Dear Senator Grogan,

2022-23 BUDGET ESTIMATES - CLARIFICATION

I am writing to clarify remarks I made at the Senate Estimates hearing on 14 February relating to the number of indigenous reporters the ABC employs in the Northern Territory.

During the hearing Senator Jacinta Nampijinpa Price asked me how many indigenous reporters the ABC employed in Alice Springs and Darwin.

While I can confirm my evidence at the hearing that the ABC does not currently have an indigenous reporter based in Alice Springs, the ABC employs two full-time reporters and two part-time indigenous reporters in Darwin.

As I indicated at the hearing, the ABC also employs a specialist national indigenous reporter who is based in Sydney.

I would appreciate it if you could provide this information to Committee members.

Kind regards,

David Anderson Managing Director