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Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights
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Via email: uni.inquiry@aph.gov.au

Dear Committee

As requested, please find below our response to the question QUT took on notice at the public hearing on Wednesday 5 February 2025:

Senator THORPE: Were other Jewish delegates in attendance at either of the events, and have you received any claims or concerns of antisemitism from them or other delegates?

Ms Harvey: I could answer that. I think it's important to note that we've received quite a lot of correspondence, as the vice-chancellor has pointed out, and we are still working through that. We'd be happy to take that on notice.

QUT is aware of 4 delegates who publicly self-identified as Jewish. We do not know whether other Jewish delegates were in attendance.

QUT has received a large volume of written correspondence about the events, expressing a range of views. Of the 10 correspondents identifying as delegates present at one or both events (1 of whom identified as Jewish), none made claims or expressed concerns of antisemitism. One other delegate made a complaint of antisemitism through the news media on the second day of the symposium. We are unaware of any other delegate complaints or concerns about antisemitism.

Yours sincerely

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