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Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice
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Communications Portfolio
Australian Broadcasting Corporation

Question No: 59

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Hansard Ref: Written, 12/02/2016

Topic: Additional questions – QoN 156 SBE

Senator Abetz, Eric asked:

1. Question No. 156 specifically asked ‘by whom the personal campaign is being run ...’
 - (a) Apart from the one example are there any other specific examples?
 - (b) Please list the name of the other ‘pro-Israeli publications’ referred to in the answer.
 - (c) Please list specific examples as requested in relation to the assertions made in the last paragraph of the answer.

Answer:

1.
 - (a) Yes. The ABC has received complaints from groups such as the Executive Council of Australian Jewry Inc and articles have been published in pro-Israeli newspapers and by groups such as the Australia/Israel and Jewish Affairs Council.
 - (b) Primarily the Australian Jewish News publication.
 - (c) As a specific example, between 23 October 2015 and 11 December 2015, the Australian Jewish News published 7 articles that directly criticised Sophie McNeill. This was over the course of four print editions of the publication and equates to a campaign against Ms McNeill.