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Dear Ms McDonald

I write to clarify a point of discussion at the 5 May 2016 Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee Budget Estimates hearings. During the hearing Senator Ludlam asked the ABC whether charging users for a high definition stream of its iview services would require an amendment to the ABC Charter. In its reply the ABC stated that there is no allowance for the provision of either advertising or subscription services on ABC digital services.

I would like to clarify that while the *Australian Broadcasting Corporation Act (1983)* provides the Corporation must generally not have advertisements in any of the Corporation's digital media services, the Act does not preclude the Corporation from establishing subscription services.

I trust this clarification will be of assistance to the Committee.

Yours Sincerely

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