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Topic: Fact Check

Senator Xenophon, Nick asked:

Senator XENEPHON: But it is fair to say that Fact Check has been brought up more often than other issues in terms of complaints by politicians about the ABC?

Mr Millett: I would have to go back and look at the numbers, but there are other programs that have occasionally raised the ire of politicians, including Q&A, for example. I do not know the exact tally, but I will come back with the information on how many complaints have been made regarding that program.

Answer:

The ABC has received five complaints from politicians about the *Q&A* program. The first was received on 29 June 2015, the second on 30 June 2015, the third on 29 September 2015, the fourth on 1 August 2016 and the fifth on 3 August 2016.