

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**  
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**Question No: 129**

**Australian Broadcasting Corporation**

**Hansard Ref: Written, 29/05/2017**

**Topic: Ms Yasmin Abdel Magied - Employment**

**Senator Abetz, Eric asked:**

1. When was Ms Yasmin Abdel Magied first employed by the ABC?
2. What are the terms of her employment? (ie. Is she on a contract for work performed, provided a retainer, part time or casual employee)
  - (a) Is she covered by the Enterprise Agreement or on an individual arrangement?
  - (b) Is she employed for a specific purpose or paid for all work on the ABC – ie. Only for Australia Wide or also paid for Q&A etc? (please detail in full)
  - (c) What is the end date of her contract?
3. How did Ms Abdel Magied come to be employed by the ABC?
  - (a) Was she sought out by the ABC or did she apply for an open position?
  - (b) What qualifications does she provide to be a presenter?
4. In relation to evidence provided at the hearing, in what form did the counselling of Ms Abdel Magied take?
  - (a) Was the only counselling provided, provided by Ms Guthrie?
  - (b) If not, please provide information on other

**Answer:**

1. August, 2016.
2. Ms Abdel-Magied is a casual contributor.
  - (a) Individual arrangement
  - (b) Specific purpose - presenting *Australia Wide*.
  - (c) *Australia Wide* has not been renewed and the arrangement with Ms Abdel-Magied will end in June 2017.
3.
  - (a) Ms Abdel-Magied was approached by the ABC for the *Australia Wide* role.
  - (b) ABC News identified Ms Abdel-Magied as a person with considerable live broadcast experience, who had strong credentials in public speaking and experience working as a presenter in front of public audiences.

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4. Verbal counselling

(a) No

(b) Ms Abdel-Magied was also counselled by ABC News management.