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Dear Senator Eggleston

Senate Estimates Hearing, Tuesday 25 May 2004

I am writing to clarify evidence I gave at the hearing on 25 May 2004.

At ECITA 14-15 Mr Tanner said:

...I should explain that we do not have a dedicated FOI officer at the ABA. We have a substantial legal section headed by general counsel, and it is an officer in that legal section who, in consultation with her superiors is preparing advice...

One of the ABA's lawyers is the designated FOI officer. She is not a full-time FOI officer.

At ECITA 35 Mr Tanner said:

...Finally, the authors of the report raised a query and said that they could not conclude that there had not been a breach of the third post-commercial radio inquiry standard which required internal compliance mechanisms to be put in place. My understanding is that the issue got cleaned up by further inquiries with the station during the period between that draft and the draft that went up in February. That is my recollection...

The compliance by Macquarie Radio with the requirements of the Compliance Standard was established during the natural justice process on the final report.

If you wish to discuss this matter I can be contacted on 02 9334 7868.

Yours sincerely

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Cc Mr Michael McLean, Committee Secretary