

FOR SEVEN WEST MEDIA

QUESTIONS:

- Is this the comprehensive response to the issues raised in the Finkelstein Report and Convergence Review that you expected?
- The department told the Joint Select Committee yesterday that it canvassed the Bills with television networks in November 2012. Was that the case then? Is it still the case now?

ANSWERS

- No we do not consider this to be a comprehensive response to the Convergence Review. In fact some of the proposals in the Bill are contrary to the recommendations of the Convergence Review such as a public interest test as well as keeping existing media ownership laws.
- The first time we knew of the Government's response to the Convergence Review was the Minister's announcement last Tuesday. We first saw the bills on the following Thursday. We did not see the Bills or have their content outlined to us in November 2012.