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Committee Secretary
Senate Standing Committees on Environment and Communications
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Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600



Dear Mr Palethorpe,

I write in regard to the Australian Broadcasting Corporation's evidence to the public hearing of Senate Environment and Communications References Committee inquiry into Press Freedom, held in Canberra on 18 October 2019.

During the course of that hearing, the ABC gave evidence that in regard to the current Federal Court case in which the ABC is disputing the legalities of an Australian Federal Police search warrant, that to this point in time the ABC has expended in the vicinity of \$600,000 in legal costs.

I can confirm that this figure is incorrect and that in fact, the total amount spent to date for those legal costs is in the vicinity of \$205,000.

On behalf of the ABC I apologise to the Committee for this error.

Yours sincerely,

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