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Topic: Number of media outlet breaches in 2020

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Senator Kim Carr asked:

Senator KIM CARR: How many breaches were there in 2020, of all the media outlets in Australia?

Ms O'Loughlin: I don't believe I have that information in front of me at the moment. I'm looking at Cathy, who is also shaking her head.

Ms Rainsford: I'm afraid I don't have that information either, but we'd be happy to take it on notice.

Answer:

In 2020 the ACMA finalised 20 investigations that resulted in one or more breach findings against a broadcaster. These breaches are broken down by broadcaster type in Table 1 below.

Investigations covered a range of matters covered by the relevant industry code of practice, not just news and current affairs.

Table 1: Investigations finalised in 2020

Findings	Commercial Television	Subscription Television	National Broadcasters	Commercial Radio	Community Broadcasters	Open narrowcasters	Total
Breach	7	0	2	5	5	1	20
No Breach	4	1	2	2	6	0	15
Total	11	1	4	7	11	1	35