

Seven West Media

Questions on Notice taken during the hearing

1. I want to go to the question Senator Sharma asked before about the shocking lapse of standards by Channel 7 earlier this year, with the broadcast of the incorrect name of an individual in relation to the Bondi Junction stabbings. When did Channel 7 correct the record on air? At what time on, I believe, Monday 14 April did Channel 7 correct the record on air?

Response:

Seven removed references to the wrongly identified individual in its published material as soon as it became aware of the error on the morning of Sunday 14 April. A clarification on air was not made immediately as producers wanted to contact the individual first to ask how he wished to proceed, and to avoid drawing further attention to his name. Seven got in touch with the individual and his family to deeply apologise for the error and they requested a correction of the record on air. This was made during the 2.30 pm news bulletin on Sunday 14 April.