



**Answers to Questions on Notice**

**Australian News Channel**

**Senate Environment and Communications References Committee  
Media Diversity in Australia**

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Question	Answer
How many videos were removed from the Sky News' own website following the YouTube ban?	Following receipt of 23 notifications from YouTube Sky News Australia sought assurance from YouTube that historical content previously published would not be subject to further notifications and that Sky News Australia would have the opportunity to address YouTube's concerns or challenge the notification in advance of further suspensions. No reassurance was received.
What was the content of these videos?	To address the risk of unintended republication and further suspension, those videos and a further 18 videos were removed from the Content Management System (CMS) which automatically removes them from the network of sites where they appear.
Why were these videos removed from a platform entirely owned by Sky News given they were not under the jurisdiction of YouTube?	The content of the 18 videos comprised historical debates and news reports from 2020 concerning the medications hydroxychloroquine and ivermectin and various public health measures, at a time when no vaccine was available and potential treatments for COVID-19 were the subject of public debate in the scientific and medical communities and the media throughout the world.