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From: Media
Sent: Thursday, 21 February 2019 3:41 PM
To:
Cc: Media
Subject: RE: Gary Johns letter to Sen Scullion [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hello

Thanks for getting in touch.

I have provided a statement in response to your questions. If you would like to use any of it, please attribute it to "an ACNC spokesperson" rather than my name. Thank you:

Dr Johns will not be making further comments. You can read his statements in the Hansard when it is published. This will likely be early next week on the APH website.

The letter Dr Johns referred to during the Senate Estimates hearing will be provided in response to a question taken on notice. This will also be published on the APH website.

Kind regards

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Subject: Gary Johns letter to Sen Scullion

Hi there,

I'm writing a story about an exchange between Dr Johns and Senator Jenny McAllister in Senate Estimates yesterday, regarding Dr Johns' views on including an acknowledgement of country in the email signature of himself and of ACNC staff.

Can you please let me know:

- Whether Dr Johns stands by his position that including an acknowledgement of country in an email signature raises the perception of bias, but his prior comments about the work of charities that he oversees does not
- Whether he considered Senator Scullion's explanation that an acknowledgement of country does not raise issues of bias

Dr Johns also said he was provide the letter he sent to Senator Scullion on the matter to the committee. Could you please send me a copy of that letter?

Kind regards,

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