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Sent: Friday, 29 November 2019 4:17 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Investigation about Seven News, broadcast on Seven on 30 July 2019 and 31 July 2019 [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Good afternoon [REDACTED],

The figures, 280 and 224, is the number actions taken by QBCC for specific reasons and these are accounted for in each sections of the Annual Report, e.g. Minimum Financial Requirements. . The approximately 5,000 cancellations are for various reasons relating to action taken by the licensee, such as requesting to cancel because they move interstate; death; retirement; and fail to pay their renewal fee (automated process, and then they have the option to restore, and this is the majority number).

I trust this assists in your enquiry.

Kind regards,

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From: [REDACTED]
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ACMA reference: BI-535

Dear Mr Barclay,

Investigation about *Seven News*, broadcast on Seven on 30 July 2019 and 31 July 2019

As you are aware, the Australian Communications and Media Authority (the ACMA) has commenced an investigation into your complaint concerning Channel Seven Brisbane Pty Limited's compliance with the Commercial Television Industry Code of Practice 2015 (revised 2018).

As part of the investigation, the ACMA is assessing the accuracy of figures for licence cancellations by the QBCC quoted in the broadcast.

In the complaint to the licensee, Ms Kate Raymond, Chief Legal Officer, QBCC, quoted the following:

- > *During the 2018/2019 financial year, the QBCC cancelled 6,490 licences. Of those, 4,199 were related to financial issues.*
- > *12,065 licences were cancelled by the QBCC in the past 2 financial years and 7,506 were cancelled in that 2 year period for unpaid fees.*

I have reviewed the QBCC annual reports on the QBCC website, but am unable to verify these figures. For FY 18/19, the total figure for licenses cancelled quoted in the annual report is 280, and for FY 17/18, total licence cancellations appear to be 224.

Could you please advise if and where these figures are publicly available? If they are not available would you be able to clarify the apparent discrepancy?

Yours sincerely,

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Content Investigations Section

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