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**RESPONSE ON BEHALF OF ABC MANAGEMENT,**

In recent months ABC management spoke with Mr Gutman to express clear expectations of his behaviour to staff when pitching interviews and discuss how the ABC makes editorial decisions. The ABC regularly engages with members of the performance community for appearances across our networks and it's important for the arts and entertainment sectors that we continue to do so. The ABC Chair has always made clear he expects ABC management to follow its own independent decision-making on content. As the Editorial Policies state, the trust and respect of the community depend on the ABC's editorial independence and integrity.