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**Statement from an ABC spokesperson,**

We have been working to attempt to verify the various elements of the school strike story since it occurred. We have published multiple breakouts on the story and been transparent about what information we know and where it is coming from.

We assess daily where our teams need to be to provide up to date coverage for Australian audiences. Iran has been a content priority over the past fortnight. We have multiple applications in to travel to Iran. We have contacts for information about Iran and have been able to speak to people inside the country, protecting their identities. The last ABC team to travel to Iran was Jonathan Miller and Foreign Correspondent last year after the 12-day war.

A producer has been newsgathering in Lebanon since the start of the Iran war. Correspondent Matt Doran and camera operator Hamish Harty have now also deployed to Beirut. We had existing staff in Israel and deployed additional people there because it was where we could get resources at the start of the war. We also had people in Dubai, UAE and Erbil, Iraq.