

Statement from an ABC spokesperson:

The ABC decided to pay Ms Milligan's costs in this matter due to particular and exceptional circumstances. Given the nature of those circumstances, it would not be appropriate to make any further comment on this, except to say that the matter was not assessed in isolation – the circumstances required consideration of many factors, including complex legal issues.

This week, Managing Director David Anderson advised staff of the release of updated Personal Use of Social Media Guidelines under the ABC Code of Conduct. Through changes such as this, the ABC seeks to make clear to employees their obligations and potential liability in relation to their personal use of social media. The ABC will also be updating its employment contracts to ensure that employees are fully aware of the consequences of a breach of the Guidelines and the ABC Code of Conduct.

Note: At the time the matter settled, the ABC also published the following statement:

<https://about.abc.net.au/statements/abc-statement-on-louise-milligan-and-andrew-laming/>