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In this case, the reporter was focused on the abortion issue as it applied to Queensland politics and quoted from part of Senator Hanson's press conference. As a rule though, it's appropriate that a party leader who now outstrips the Coalition in the polls is questioned on any public statement. We saw that this week when she asked: "How can you tell me there are good Muslims?" This was subjected to heavy scrutiny in multiple news stories, editorials and columns across our mastheads.