ABC Television and ABC News response to Editorial Review No. 6

ABC Television welcomes the very thorough and considered editorial review from Mr Brown and Mr Martin from the sixth ABC Editorial Review on Content, Conduct and Panel Composition of the Q&A programme (February - June 2015) and the associated recommendations.

ABC Television is pleased to note the review found Q&A to be a responsible, professional production that strives to meet the editorial standards expected of it by the ABC and the wider community. We also welcome the detailed analysis and rejection of criticism that the program lacks impartiality or is politically biased.

Mr Brown and Mr Martin have provided a range of recommendations all intended to improve the quality of the service Q&A offers to Australians and that build on the program's intent to provide a genuine and inclusive platform for Australians to engage in politics and social debate. The insights and recommendations are all welcome contributions and will all be given detailed consideration.

Following a decision of the ABC Board earlier this year, responsibility for the future of Q&A is moving to the News Division in 2016.

ABC News also welcomes the detailed recommendations of the review. News Management will meet with the program team early in 2016 to properly consider all of the detailed recommendations.

ABC News has seen and digested the review and will be in a position to advise the ABC Board next year on how the various recommendations will be addressed.