

**Response from an ABC spokesperson:**

It was briefly mentioned in the *Afternoon Briefing* program and the ABC covered the story after it escalated with the Prime Minister's comments.

Suggestions the ABC was "censoring" the news or running a "protection racket" for the Senator don't correspond to reality.

The ABC has always [comprehensively covered issues involving Senator Thorpe](#). This includes the ABC [revealing Senator Thorpe's undisclosed relationship](#) with ex-Rebels president Dean Martin while she was on a law enforcement committee as a Greens Senator. The ABC's investigation led to a parliamentary inquiry and to Senator Thorpe [resigning as Greens deputy leader in the Senate](#).