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Thanks for the update Evan - I'll keep a look out for the transcript.

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Hi all

Senator Hanson-Young has just questioned Facebook's <sup>s 47F</sup> [REDACTED] for approximately five minutes regarding the Andrew Laming investigation. This was part of the much broader Facebook appearance (both <sup>s 47F</sup> [REDACTED] appearing remotely) about media diversity in Australia – a lot of focus on the news block as you'd expect.

One pertinent question asked was whether Facebook was cooperating fully with the AEC's request to which Ms <sup>s 47F</sup> [REDACTED] replied yes. It didn't go into any specific details about the request or how they're doing that. The broader conversation (quite pointed questions from the Senator) touched on matters outside the AEC's specific legislative remit – things like Facebook's political transparency aims and whether a politician being able to masquerade as 30+ community groups is in line with those aims.

Cheers  
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