

## Scenario 7: Correction of misinformation

It is three months until the general election. An opposition party has criticised a government programme, but the criticisms are regarded as being based on incorrect information. The agency involved considers the criticism misleads the public and decides to make a media statement to correct the misinformation.

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### Practical guidance

- This situation requires careful consideration. The agency may get drawn into a political situation and may breach existing political neutrality principles.
- Although the agency is setting out to correct misinformation, the involvement of the opposition party means that the response may be better to come from the Minister.

