

Honourable Members of the committee,

As a member of ABC TV staff I'm aware that questions about the costs of in-house production versus outsourcing are not new. I urge you to request that ABC management make public the report commissioned regarding production costs some two or three years ago and conducted by the Boston Group. Ask them also why it has not been released already: did this audit in fact find that in-house production fares favourably in terms of cost and value for money? If it did not, why have ABC management been reticent about revealing its findings?

I can report that recent redundancies and management's failure to abide by the core values they themselves loudly trumpet – namely integrity, respect, collegiality and innovation – have damaged staff morale and served to eviscerate the once vibrant, creative and innovative culture of ABC Television.

Sincerely,

A member of ABC TV staff.