

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**  
**Additional Estimates Hearings February 2014**  
**Communications Portfolio**  
**Australian Broadcasting Corporation**

**Question No: 221**

**Program No. Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC)**

**Hansard Ref: In Writing**

**Senator Bernardi asked**

**Topic: ABC show - *The Drum***

1. Since the election, how many former Federal Labor staff members have starting making contributions to *The Drum*?
2. Are Mr Adam Collins and Mr Andrew Porter paid by the ABC?
3. And how many former Liberal staffers have started writing for *The Drum* since the election?

**Answer:**

1. Three former Labor Party staff members began contributing to *The Drum* after the 2013 federal election.
2. Neither Mr Collins nor Mr Porter has been paid by the ABC for their contributions to *The Drum*.
3. Three former Liberal staff members began contributing to *The Drum* after the 2013 federal election.