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Communications Portfolio

Australian Broadcasting Corporation

Question No: 224

Program No. Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC)

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Topic: ABC funding – South Australia

Senator Xenophon asked:

In the previous estimates hearings, I also asked about the funding for local content [in News] and was provided with detail about the allocation for South Australia.

1. How does the allocation for South Australia compare with the rest of the country? Can you provide me with a breakdown of funding across the other State and Territories?

Answer:

The allocation of funding for South Australia is comparable to that allocated around the country. The table below indicates the new positions created by the News Division across the country to support local content.

Location	Editorial staff	Resources staff
Perth	1	1
Broome	-	1
Bunbury	1	-
Darwin	1	1
Alice Springs	-	1
Adelaide	-	1
Renmark	-	1
Melbourne	-	1
Geelong	2	
Tasmania	-	1
Canberra	1	0.2
Sydney	-	-
Parramatta	2	1
Wollongong	-	1
NSW Central Coast	0.4	-
Brisbane	-	2.9
Ipswich	2	-

This does not include ABC radio staff who are located in 51 regional stations across the country and contribute local content for broadcast.

As well as the new staff, News allocated funds for equipment across the country, including:

- Laptops, tablets, smartphones and editing software
- Live linking technology
- Camera and video-journalist kits
- Radio reporting kits.