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Australian Broadcasting Corporation

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Topic: Transcription service

Senator Brown, Carol asked:

1. The ABC has made a decision to cease transcribing some of its news and current affairs programs. A cut that will save the ABC just \$210,000. The ABC has indicated it is developing a “broader access strategy” and that in the interim changes to the ABC news transcription arrangements will be wound back as far as practicable while the strategy is being drafted.
 - (a) Has the ABC completed this strategy? If not when will it be completed?
 - (b) When will the transcription services be reinstated in full?

Answer:

1.
 - (a) The ABC intends to finalise its media access strategy by 30 June 2017.
 - (b) The delivery of transcription services will be addressed in the strategy.