

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

Additional Estimates Hearings May 2014

Communications Portfolio

Australian Broadcasting Corporation

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Program No. Australian Broadcasting Corporation

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Topic: ABC 1% efficiency dividend

Senator Urquhart asked:

At estimates the ABC estimated that its back office costs are 20% of total costs. As a consequence is a 1% efficiency dividend on the whole organisation actually a 5% efficiency dividend on back office costs?

Answer:

The 1% efficiency reduction and the cut to Australia Network funding delivered in the 2014 budget will impact the ABC across a range of activities that include back office and content areas. The application of the 1% budget cut is still being considered by the ABC, and cannot be fully assessed until the total amounts of any subsequent related budget reductions are advised by government.