

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**

**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**

**Budget Estimates Hearings May 2014**

**Communications Portfolio**

**Australian Broadcasting Corporation**

**Question No: 28**

**Program No. Australian Broadcasting Corporation**

**Hansard Ref: In Writing**

**Topic: Salary Benchmarks**

**Senator Urquhart asked:**

At the hearing Senator McKenzie referred to “to a table from theaustralian.com.au on 27 May 2014, which lists some high profile stars of the ABC in addition to obviously corporate areas.” (It is presumed this refers to this story <http://www.theaustralian.com.au/media/on-air-and-off-the-abc-spare-no-expense-on-its-stars/story-e6frg996-1226763878649#>) Has the ABC benchmarked these salaries against comparable salaries paid in the commercial media outlets? Can the ABC provide some examples of these benchmarks?

**Answer:**

No.