

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**  
**Budget Estimates Hearings May 2014**  
**Communications Portfolio**  
**Department of Communications**

**Question No: 583**

**Program No. 1.3**

**Hansard Ref: In Writing**

**Topic: Mr Lewis**

**Senator Urquhart asked:**

Mr Clarke advised he was pleased with the engagement of Mr Lewis and that "he provided excellent service to the Department the report of the ABC and SBS efficiency study as prepared by the Department." Has Mr Clarke asked the Managing Directors of the two public broadcasters their views, and do they agree with Mr Clarke's assessment?

**Answer:**

The Efficiency Study was undertaken by the Department of Communications with Mr Peter Lewis engaged as a consultant to the study.

Questions about the ABC and SBS views on the study's process should be directed to those organisations.