

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**  
**Additional Estimates Hearings May 2014**  
**Communications Portfolio**  
**Australian Broadcasting Corporation**

**Question No: 59**

**Program No.: Australian Broadcasting Corporation**

**Hansard Ref: In Writing**

**Topic: Report printing**

**Senator Ludwig asked:**

Have any reports, budget papers, statements, white papers or report-like documents printed for or by the Department been pulped, put in storage, shredded or disposed of? A. If so please give details; name of report, number of copies, cost of printing, who order the disposal, reason for disposal.

**Answer**

The ABC is not aware of any corporate documents (such as reports, statements or white papers) being disposed of other than in accordance with the ABC's record management obligations.

The ABC is required to comply with Section 24 of the *Archives Act 1983* which states that a person must not engage in conduct that results in the destruction or other disposal of a Commonwealth record; or the transfer of the custody or ownership of a Commonwealth record; or damage to or alteration of a Commonwealth record; unless the action of disposal is positively required by law, or takes place with the permission of the National Archives of Australia (NAA) or in accordance with a normal administrative practice of which the NAA does not disapprove.

Accordingly, the ABC manages its records in accordance with:

- ABC Records Disposal Authority issued 6 June 2006 by the NAA
- Administrative Functions Disposal Authority (AFDA) issued by the NAA.