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Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

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Australian Broadcasting Corporation

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Topic: Appropriation – ABC Budget

Senator Abetz, Eric:

1. Is there an increase in the appropriation to the ABC in the Budget?
2. If so, on what will that be spent?

Answer:

1. The ABC's Budget is set by government on a triennial basis. In 2016, the government's federal Budget provided the ABC with funding over the forward triennium (2016- 2019), including indexation of the ABC budget for each year of the triennium.
2. This increase will be put towards operational cost increases, as well as contractual cost increases, including transmission and distribution, rights and royalties, equipment and software maintenance agreements, and property and utility costs.