

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearings November 2014

Communications Portfolio

Australian Broadcasting Corporation

Question No: 541

Program No. Australian Broadcasting Corporation

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Topic: Australia Network – closure

Senator Urquhart asked:

Senator URQUHART: Can you outline to the committee the level of staff time and resources that has been deployed in implementing the cuts that have already been made in closing the Australia Network.

Mr Scott: I would have to take that on notice.

Senator URQUHART: Can you outline to the committee the level of staff time and resources that have been deployed in considering and reviewing the department report.

Mr Scott: I would have to take that on notice too.

Answer:

The ABC staff did not record the time spent on the Australia Network budget cut in this way. Accordingly, any attempt to provide this level of detail by way of response would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.

The ABC understands the second part of question on notice 541 to refer to the Departmental Efficiency Review and notes similarly that while some ABC staff were seconded to work on the review, the Corporation did not record the time spent contributing to and reviewing the report in this way. Accordingly, any attempt to provide this level of detail by way of response would also involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.