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Senator Xenophon asked:

Senator XENOPHON: I would be grateful for that. On the issue of media advisers—I do not know what you call them; communications advisers or media advisers—how many does the ABC employ?

Mr Scott: Let me take that on notice. It is not very many. There is one who is designated that who works in corporate, and I think there is another one who works in news. There are marketing people or whatever, but media—

Senator XENOPHON: But in terms of media or communications advisers to deal with—**Mr Scott:** Yes, I can take it broadly on notice, but it depends on how you define it. I have one person who does media, working in corporate affairs, and there is also—

Senator XENOPHON: I mean in terms of corporate affairs, media, policy advisers.

Mr Scott: Let me come back to you on notice.

Answer:

The ABC employs two full time media/communications advisers and one media manager is currently employed on a short-term contract. (Note this excludes Director Corporate Affairs and Head Corporate Affairs each of whom have broader managerial responsibilities.)