

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
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**Australian Broadcasting Corporation**

**Question No: 582**

**Program No. Australian Broadcasting Corporation**

**Hansard Ref: In Writing**

**Topic: ABC Staff**

**Senator McGrath asked:**

1. How many administrative staff are there in the ABC?
  - a. Are they spread out across the divisions or are they a shared resource?
  - b. How many job losses will there be in the administration function of the ABC?
2. How many information technology staff are there in the ABC?
  - a. Are they spread out across the divisions or are they a shared resource?
  - b. How many job losses will there be in the information technology function of the ABC?
3. Does the ABC engage information technology contractors?
  - a. If so, how many and at what cost in the:
    - i. In the 2013-14 financial year?
    - ii. In the 2014-15 financial year to date?
4. How many corporate staff are there in the ABC?
  - a. What are their functions?
  - b. Are they spread out across the divisions or are they a shared resource?
  - c. How many job losses will there be in the corporate function of the ABC?
5. How many marketing staff are there in the ABC?
  - a. Are they spread out across the divisions or are they a shared resource?
  - b. How many job losses will there be in the marketing function of the ABC?
6. How many legal staff are there in the ABC?
  - a. Are they spread out across the divisions or are they a shared resource?
  - b. How many job losses will there be in the legal function of the ABC?

**Answer:**

1. The ABC employs 420 staff in a range of administrative roles.  
*(Active non-casual headcount at 14 December 2014)*
  - a. Generally, these staff are spread across all divisions although in smaller offices they may be utilised as a shared resource.
  - b. Under current proposals forming part of the ABC's response to the 2014 funding cuts 55 of these administrative positions are potentially redundant.
2. The ABC employs 159 information technology staff.  
*(Active non-casual headcount at 14 December 2014)*
  - a. These staff are a shared resource within the Technology division.
  - b. At this stage there are no formal proposals for staff reductions in the information technology function of the ABC.

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3. The ABC does engage information technology contractors.
- a. The number and cost of information technology contractors engaged in the last two financial years is as follows:

	<b>FY 2013/14</b>	<b>FY 2014/15 to date</b>
Number of IT contractors	21	11
Cost of IT contractors	\$1.6M	\$0.5M

4. The ABC employs 57 staff who work in its “corporate” divisions.  
*(Active non-casual headcount at 14 December 2014)*
- a. “Corporate” functions include Corporate Affairs, Editorial Policies and Audience & Consumer Affairs, Corporate Strategy & Planning and the Managing Director’s Office.
- b. Corporate staff functions service the whole corporation but are responsible to their divisional director.
- c. Under current proposals forming part of the ABC’s response to the 2014 funding cuts six of these corporate positions are potentially redundant.
5. The ABC employs 110 marketing staff.  
*(Active non-casual headcount at 14 December 2014)*
- a. The majority of these staff are employed in the Audience & Marketing division as a shared resource.
- b. Under current proposals forming part of the ABC’s response to the 2014 funding cuts 13 of these marketing positions are potentially redundant.
6. The ABC employs 30 legal staff.  
*(Non-Casual headcount as at 14 December 2014)*
- a. These staff are a shared resource employed in two divisions – Legal & Business Affairs and ABC People.
- c. At this stage there are no formal proposals for staff reductions in the legal function of the ABC.