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Senator: McKenzie

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Question:

Senator McKENZIE: What about the ABC? How far ahead could they be financially since their exemption in 1997?

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

Senator McKENZIE: Ms Huxtable is looking around. Does anyone have the answer to that one?

Ms Huxtable: I do not think we have that level of detail with us.

Senator McKENZIE: I will wait to get that on notice that. Thank you very much.

Answer:

If the efficiency dividend had been applied to the ABC's base funding (excluding transmission funding) from the 1996-97 Budget onwards, the ABC's funding in 2014-15 would be approximately \$200 million lower than that which is included in the 2014-15 Budget. In cumulative terms, the financial impact of applying an efficiency dividend to the ABC since the 1996-97 Budget would be a cumulative saving of \$2.2 billion by the end of 2017-18.