

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

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Question:

How does the Prime Minister reconcile his election commitment on 6 September 2013 that there would be “no cuts to the ABC” with the Communications Minister’s concession on 3 June 2014 that “cuts have been made to the ABC in the budget”?

What other election commitments has the Prime Minister broken?

Answer:

Public broadcasters are an important part of national life but all public bodies have to play their part to fix the debt and deficit disaster left by the former government.