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The Secretary
Senate Legislation Committee on Environment,
Communications, Information Technology and the Arts
Parliament House
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Dear Secretary

I am writing to advise that the ABC's response to Question on Notice 26 arising from the February 2005 Senate Additional Estimates hearing contained incorrect data. This error has come to light during the process of providing answers to Questions on Notice arising from the 23 May 2005 Budget Estimates hearing.

The answer to Question 26 provided to the Committee stated "In 2003/04, 686 new staff joined the ABC in either ongoing, fixed term/run of show or casual roles. During this period 437 positions were filled through competitive merit selection processes".

This response was incorrect. It should have read "In 2003/04, 1,123 new staff joined the ABC in either ongoing, fixed term/run of show or casual roles. During this period 437 positions were filled within the Corporation through competitive merit selection processes".

This resulted from human error in transposing the figures. I apologise to the Committee.

I would be grateful if you would bring this clarification of evidence to the Committee's attention at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Russell Balding".

Russell Balding
Managing Director