Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

Additional Estimates Hearings February 2014

Communications Portfolio

Australian Broadcasting Corporation

Question No: 222

Program No. Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC)

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Paul Bongiorno

Senator Williams asked:

- 1. Could you confirm what ABC programs Paul Bongiorno has and is appearing on?
- 2. At whose instigation is Mr Bongiorno appearing?
- 3. Is Mr Bongiorno being paid for his appearances?
- 4. Are his appearances scheduled to be on a regular basis?

Answer:

- 1. Paul Bongiorno has appeared on RN Breakfast and RN Drive.
- 2. His appearance was instigated by the RN Breakfast program team.
- 3. He is paid a modest fee for his appearances which require preparation and an early start at the Parliament House studios.
- 4. Currently he appears twice a week on RN Breakfast (Tuesday and Thursday) in Politics with Paul Bongiorno which discusses the latest developments in politics.