

**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: 225**

**Program No. Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC)**

**Hansard Ref: In Writing**

**Topic: ABC Director of News**

**Senator Xenophon asked:**

Given ABC News expenditure is the responsibility of the Director of News, based in Sydney, what measures are in place to ensure funding and resources are not biased towards NSW?

**Answer:**

Resourcing decisions for ABC News operations are not affected by the location of the Director of News. There are considerable ABC News resources allocated to every State and Territory in Australia, including the ABC's 51 regional newsrooms around the country, to ensure local content for audiences. Each metropolitan newsroom produces its own local radio and television news bulletins, as well as the local edition of 7.30 on Friday, and has its own online presence.