

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

Additional Estimates February 2017

Communications Portfolio

Australian Broadcasting Corporation

Question No: 110

Australian Broadcasting Corporation

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Topic: Complete Programs

Senator Abetz, Eric asked:

1. Is it correct that the offer of complete programs completely funded, researched, gathered and edited without input from the ABC – attracts significant senior editorial and managerial attention within the ABC before transmitting or broadcasting them?
2. If an offer of a complete series of programs, as described in 1. above, was made by an acknowledged advocate for a particular view in respect of a “contentious” issue, would the senior editorial and managerial oversight before transmission be even greater?

Answer:

1. All content broadcast by the ABC is required to meet the Corporation’s editorial standards.
2. Appropriate editorial scrutiny is allocated to all content broadcast by the ABC to ensure it meets the Corporation’s editorial standards.