

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

Budget Estimates Hearings May 2014

Communications Portfolio

Australian Broadcasting Corporation

Question No: 21

Program No. Australian Broadcasting Corporation

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Self-censoring

Senator Urquhart asked:

Does the ABC have any process to ensure that the organisation does not self-censor?

Answer:

The Australian Broadcasting Corporation has detailed Editorial Policies and associated guidance notes which spell out the requirement to report accurately, impartially and independently, and to make editorial judgements that are not improperly influenced by political, sectional, commercial or personal interests.

The commitment to independence and impartiality is regularly reinforced through editorial training and through the provision of editorial advice.