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Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice
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Communications Portfolio
Australian Broadcasting Corporation

Question No: 26

Program No. Australian Broadcasting Corporation

Hansard Ref: In writing

Topic: Ongoing cost of salaries

Senator Urquhart asked:

When Senator Ruston asked at the hearing “That would be great. I would be interested in the number of staff and what the ongoing cost of those salaries are now and over the next five years.” How much of the information provided in the answer to this question was included in the answer to Question on notice 211 from Additional Estimates in February 2014.

Answer:

Question on Notice 211 from Additional Estimates in February 2014 asked what services were provided in regional areas and how these were resourced. In addition, it asked how much of the additional funding the ABC received for news services was allocated to the provision of regional news services.

The response detailed the number of full time equivalent staff working across 51 regional stations but did not include salary information.

It also outlined how the funding allowed the ABC to invest in resources, enabling new and existing staff to better gather stories from the field and to provide television interviews from ABC locations around the country via new linking equipment.

As a result of the additional funding allocation, the ABC is investing \$1.08m per annum in regional bureaux and has hired 6 ongoing FTE staff (at an annual cost of \$570,000).