

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**

**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**

**Budget Estimates Hearings May 2016**

**Communications Portfolio**

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**Topic: CDN Costs**

**Senator Ludlam, Scott asked:**

**Senator LUDLAM:** Thank you, that is useful to know. Maybe I could ask if you could take this on notice: once you have assessed how you are going to make up that shortfall of \$10 million a year, if there is anything additional that you want to provide to us on notice I would appreciate it. I actually want to know what you are not going to do, since you are going to have to do that—\$10 million just disappears, and that is not nothing. What will cease happening because you need to spend that money?

**Mr Pendleton:** At this stage there are no plans to cease anything.

**Senator LUDLAM:** Anything it you can provide us with would be useful.

**Answer:**

The ABC has been successful in negotiating lower rates for the costs of its CDN services. As a result, surplus funds have been applied to the maintenance of CDN services without impacting on other areas of the ABC.