

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**  
**Budget Estimates May 2017**  
**Communications Portfolio**  
**Australian Broadcasting Corporation**

**Question No: 130**

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**Hansard Ref: Written, 01/06/2017**

**Topic: Sydney Writers Festival - Funding**

**Senator Abetz, Eric asked:**

1. How much funding did the ABC provide to the Sydney Writers Festival?
  - (a) What was the purpose of the funding?
  - (b) What, if any, input did the ABC have into the organisation of the Festival?
  - (c) Was the ABC involved in the budgeting and planning of the Festival including provision of “talent”?
  - (d) Does the ABC have visibility of appearance fees paid to the ‘talent’? If so, please advise the payments made and to whom.

**Answer:**

1. None.
  - (a) Not applicable.
  - (b) The ABC has no direct input into the organisation of the Sydney Writers Festival.
  - (c) No.
  - (d) No.