

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**  
**Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearings November 2014**  
**Communications Portfolio**  
**Special Broadcasting Service**

**Question No: 476**

**Program No. Special Broadcasting Service**

**Hansard Ref: Hansard** In writing

**Topic:** Self-initiated work

**Senator Ludwig asked:**

1. Does the department have a program for staff to engage in self-initiated work (projects, plans etc. that are devised by staff without being directed by the minister's office or department management)?
2. Please list all ongoing projects. For each, please detail:
3. When did the project commence?
4. When is it expected to conclude?
5. What will the total cost of the project be?
6. Where did the money for the project come from?
7. Where is the project based?

**Answer**

1-7 Not applicable. As a government agency with a legislated level of independence from government, the work of SBS is conducted independent of instruction of the Minister's office within the operational budgets of SBS.