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**Question No: 7**

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**Topic: ABC Funding**

**Senator Canavan asked:**

**Senator CANAVAN:** Do you keep figures on the ABC's funding over time?

**Ms O'Loughlin:** Yes.

**Senator CANAVAN:** Do you have them on you now?

**Ms O'Loughlin:** No.

**Senator CANAVAN:** Could I put on notice, then: what has the ABC's funding been since, say, the mid-1980s? That is probably possible—wouldn't it be—from your appropriation documents?

**Mr Clarke:** Certainly.

**Senator CANAVAN:** And also, if you do have the figures, in real terms and in real terms per capita—

**Mr Clarke:** Yes, I am happy—

**Senator CANAVAN:** or, if you just give them to me in the raw terms, I can work out the rest.

**Mr Clarke:** For the sake of normalising the numbers, we will have to make an assumption about transmission. Probably the most useful assumption would be to add transmission to it. Given that the nature of that has changed significantly, just bear with us while we sort out the best way of doing it.

**Senator CANAVAN:** That would be great.

**Answer:**

The spreadsheet attached contains the ABC's total funding from 1985-86 to 2014-15. Please note the figures have not been indexed and therefore are not provided in real terms.