

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

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Communications Portfolio

Australian Broadcasting Corporation

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Program No. ABC

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Topic: Staffing reductions

Senator Ludwig asked:

- a) How many staff reductions/voluntary redundancies have occurred from 7 September 2013 to date? What was the reason for these reductions?
- b) Were any of these reductions involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.
- c) Are there any plans for further staff reductions/voluntary redundancies? If so, please advise details including if there is a reduction target, how this will be achieved, and if any services/programs will be cut.
- d) If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.
- e) Are there any plans for involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.

Answer:

- a) Six staff members left in the period from 7 September 2013 to 1 December 2013 due to redundancy.
- b) The ABC does not distinguish between voluntary and involuntary redundancies.
- c) The ABC has no "reduction targets". However, mindful of operating efficiently, divisions regularly review their operational requirements. A number of divisions are currently consulting with staff as to their operational requirements.
- d) See answer to (c) above
- e) See answer to (c) above