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Ms Andrea Griffiths
Secretary
Senate Environment, Communications,
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Committee
The Senate
Parliament House
CANBERRA 2600

Dear Andrea

**SENATE ESTIMATES COMMITTEE HEARINGS:
AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION
23 NOVEMBER 2000**

Please find attached amended transcript (ECITA 81).

I have also attached separately the ABC budget figures, which I agreed to be tabled at the Senate Estimates Committee hearing - these figures accord with what has been recorded in the Hansard transcript.

However, on reading the transcript I realised I made an error in advising the Committee of the costs of Senior Executive Redundancies. I now wish to bring that error and the correct costs of ABC Senior Executive Redundancies to the attention of the Committee.

When advising the Committee of the costs of Senior Executive Redundancies, I incorrectly advised the total cost of redundancies for all separations, for the two years 99/00 and 00/01 respectively rather than the cost of Senior Executive Redundancies only. This advice is contained in Hansard on ECITA 102. The costs of \$3.8m and \$6.10m are in respect of total separations of 71 redundancies (of which included 5 Senior Executives) and 59 redundancies (of which included 26 Senior Executives) for the years 99/00 and July to Oct 00 respectively.

The correct costs for Senior Executive Redundancies alone, for these two periods are as follows:

REDUNDANCY COST - SENIOR EXECUTIVES

Snr Execs	TOTAL SEPARATION COST		
	AL&LSL \$000's	Redundancy Cost \$000's	Total \$000's
99/00 5	150	280	430
00/01 26 (July-Oct)	1 300	3 500	4 800

I apologise for the error and any inconvenience caused.

Yours sincerely



Russell Balding
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Enclosures

ABC 2000/01 Allocation of Operational Budgets

	Comparative Gross Budget* 99/00 \$000's	Allocated Gross Budget 00/01 \$000's	Variance \$000's
Content Group			
<i>Program and Content Development</i>	7,850	8,682	832
<i>News and Current Affairs #</i>	115,734	112,322	(3,412)
<i>Content Rights Management</i>	11,248	13,081	1,833
<i>Television</i>	124,368	139,063	14,695
<i>Radio</i>	81,397	82,693	1,296
<i>New Media Services</i>	4,809	13,723	8,914
	345,406	369,564	24,158
Operations Group			
<i>Funding, Finance & Support Services</i>	32,714	34,136	1,422
<i>Technology and Distribution</i>	130,961	131,219	258
<i>Production Resources</i>	9,634	9,706	72
<i>ABC Enterprises</i>	76,165	70,945	(5,220)
<i>Human Resources</i>	10,453	9,265	(1,188)
<i>HR BSR</i>	766	110	(656)
<i>State and Territory Directors</i>	2,222	2,331	109
	262,915	257,712	(5,203)
<i>Corporate Affairs</i>	5,104	6,984	1,880
<i>Corporate Wide Projects</i>	39,244	38,991	(253)
<i>Capital Use Charge Provision</i>	58,414	61,569	3,155
Total Operational Funding	711,083	734,820	23,737

* Comparative Budget is the Budget for 1999/00, remapped from Portfolio to new Divisional structure and adjusted to allocated budgets (for EBA salary costs and changes this financial year).

99/00 amount is comparative spend