What was the 2019 operating cost of the ABC Education unit?

The financial year 2019–20 operating cost was \$1.16m. This figure solely represents costs associated with the **creation of content** for the ABC Education portal. It does not include:

- costs associated with acquired content or technological infrastructure for the portal
- any costs for BtN, which is a part of the News division
- TV education acquisition costs and associated transmission licences and costs (for ABC ME)

Who heads up the unit?

Annabel Astbury.

How many staff are devoted full time to this endeavour?

There are currently 7 full time employees in ABC Education (overall staffing for the financial year 2019–20 was 8.6 full time equivalent).

Who decides what resources are suitable for inclusion in the webpage?

The whole team but the Head Education has final editorial sign off. For clarification it is not just one webpage but an entire site with 4000 resources.

What qualifications do they have to carry out this function?

The staff are qualified to match and map content to the Australian Curriculum. The Head Education has a Bachelor of Arts, Diploma of Education (Secondary teaching History and English), former Executive Director, History Teachers' Association, awards include various recognising contributions to education: from Council of Professional Teaching Associations, History Teachers Association of Victoria, The Australian Council of Educational Leadership, finalist in Telstra Women's Business Awards.

What methodology is employed to select resources published and to ensure that they are suitable?

Resources have to match the Australian Curriculum

What liaison is carried out with various curriculum authorities to ensure that resources conform to their needs?

We follow the Curriculum Guidelines as provided by Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) and work closely with NSW and Vic Departments of Education, schools, professional teaching associations and teachers.

How much was paid to Mr Bruce Pascoe for his contribution on Aboriginal Agriculture, Technology and Ingenuity?

Nil

What process was undertaken to determine that Mr Pascoe's work was rigorous and suitable for inclusion?

Documents assessed as program material; exempt from the operation of the FOI Act – see decision