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Topic: ABC spending on radio transmission

Senator McKenzie, Bridget asked:

Senator McKENZIE: I want to very quickly follow up on the questions on notice submitted to the ABC rural and regional advocacy bill inquiry, and I also have a couple of questions for Ms Higgins. In terms of the ABC radio transmission strategy paper from May 2016, which I understand was the basis for making the shortwave decision, I wanted to clarify how much the ABC does spend on radio transmission.

Ms Guthrie: I will have to take that on notice.

Senator McKENZIE: Ms Higgins? It is right here.

Ms Higgins: How much we spend in total on transmission?

Senator McKENZIE: Yes—on radio transmission.

Ms Higgins: Radio transmission? I will have to take that on notice—the split between the radio and the TV. My apologies.

Senator McKENZIE: But the total pool is \$180 million?

Ms Higgins: Approximately, yes.

Ms Guthrie: Of course, that is television and radio.

Answer:

In 2016-17 the ABC will spend \$78.7 million on radio transmission.