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Topic: Television production

Senator Urquhart asked:

How much television production do you do outside of Sydney and Melbourne?

Mr Scott: I would need to take that on notice. But what we do in television is increasingly work with independent production partners. So a program like *Doctor Blake* is filmed in regional Victoria, and it is filmed with independent production partners. We are making a children's program in Tasmania, working with independent production partners; we use independent production partners for documentaries in Western Australia; we do internal television production at the moment in Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide, and we are keen to keep a mixed model of internal and co-production, and to make it in Adelaide as well. But that will depend on our budget environment over time.

Senator Urquhart: If you can provide that further information that would be great.

Answer:

In the 2012-13 financial year, the ABC made the following programs outside Sydney and Melbourne:

- *The Code* (NSW South Coast and Broken Hill)
- *Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries* (regional Victoria)
- *The Broken Shore* (regional Victoria)
- *The Doctor Blake Mysteries* (Ballarat)
- *Xmas Quickie With White Black Atcha* (Newcastle in NSW) and
- *The Janning Tree* (Nambucca Heads in NSW).

In 2013-14 financial year, ABC Television has commissioned 27 projects for production outside of Sydney and Melbourne. Many of these projects are yet to be completed and broadcast.