

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Legislation Committee
Answers to questions on notice
Environment portfolio

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Senator Ludwig asked:

Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios? If yes, why? When was it established? What is the set up cost? What is the ongoing cost? How many staff work there and what are their classifications?

Answer:

1. The Department has an in-house capability for video production.

The Department uses a range of communication channels to reach a diverse target audience. Videos are one of the communication channels used.

The Department has had audio visual services available for more than ten years. Existing Department equipment was consolidated into a single office space in late 2010.

The Department's videographic services are managed by one APS6 officer.

Bureau of Meteorology (Melbourne): No. The Bureau of Meteorology has capability in its Melbourne (Head Office) and Sydney offices to provide live television crosses during severe weather and tsunami events. Specialist equipment has also been installed by the ABC in all state offices for live broadcast on ABC radio. Operation of these facilities forms part of standard duties for Bureau staff.

Climate Change Authority: No.

Clean Energy Regulator: No.

Director of National Parks: No.

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority: No.

Murray-Darling Basin Authority: No.

National Water Commission: No.

Sydney Harbour Federation Trust: No.