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Topic: Second Report on Broadcasting - Cost

Senator Siewert, Rachel asked:

Senator SIEWERT: Do I take from that answer that the report has an indication of the cost of providing that service?

Mr Millett: It goes to the cost and the other details, such as technical issues and challenges that arise from undertaking the trial.

Senator SIEWERT: I was specifically asking about cost. Does that mean that you cannot release the information, or that you are not prepared to release the information, until the government releases that report?

Mr Millett: I will take that question on notice. I will have to go back and check.

Answer:

The cost of the iView audio description trial was included as commercial in confidence information in the October 2016 report to government. The publication of this information would put the ABC at a commercial disadvantage and would not be in the public interest.