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Department of Communications and the Arts

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Program 1.1

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Topic: Research

Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:

1. Please outline the Bureau of Communications and the Arts current research focus areas.
2. The BCR 'consumption and the use services' snapshot suggests Household Expenditure on Communications is falling. This was based on data from the Hilda survey. Has the BCR undertaken any further modelling to forecast whether this trend will continue in light of expected real APRU trends on the NBN? If yes, what were the findings of that research?

Answer:

1. The research program for the Bureau of Communications and Arts Research (BCAR) is focused on monitoring developments, trends and issues in the communications and arts sectors and providing an evidence base for policy development and advice. Current research focus areas seek to improve understanding and inform debate on issues and implications for the digital transformation of Australia's economy, including the related policy issues for the communications and arts sectors.
2. No.