

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**  
**Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearings November 2014**  
**Communications Portfolio**  
**Special Broadcasting Service**

**Question No: 461**

**Program No. Special Broadcasting Service**

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**Topic:** Radio - Diverse language programming

**Senator Dastyari asked:**

**Senator DASTYARI:** Can you take this on notice, because I know you will not be able to answer it now—whatever information can reasonably be obtained. Can you provide a breakdown for all your radio programming, especially the diverse language programming, of how much each program costs to produce and broadcast. If you could break that down into whatever they can be broken down to, such as individual languages. I imagine the way they are structured in your office is that there are a team of people working on all of them, so I imagine it might be an aggregate figure.

**Mr Khalil:** We can take that on notice and come back to you, Senator. The broad brushstroke figures are that we do 74 languages at a pretty modest rate. I think it is something like—

**Answers**

The cost of the ALC radio division in 2014-15 is \$22.6m.

We run 74 language programs.

This excludes corporate input from other SBS divisions including Finance, People and Capability, Legal, Marketing. Clearly these are significant costs to consider when assessing the programming.