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Topic: Reporting – Chiefs of Staff presenting – Regional stations

Senator McKenzie, Bridget asked:

Senator McKENZIE: Thank you. In terms of the impact of the programming changes, the *Local Life* now from 10 till 11, is it not a reality, given the limitations of time—co-producing the brekky program, getting ready for *Local Life*—that the *Local Life* program will be presented by the chiefs of staff, in most cases, particularly stations which have less staff?

Mr Scott: There will be some chiefs of staff who present that. But the focus—

Senator McKENZIE: How many? In how many of our regional stations do you envisage that occurring?

Mr Scott: I will get that detail for you. But I can tell you that the focus is where the audience is greater, and the audience is greater at breakfast. That is why we have extended breakfast for an hour and that is why there are some stations, including some in Victoria—in Horsham and Mildura—where the breakfast programs will be longer. There will be more local broadcasting—

Senator McKENZIE: No, no—I am fully briefed—

Answer:

As at 22 December 2015, 10 Chiefs of Staff were confirmed as also being the presenter of the morning radio program in 10 regional stations.