

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee —Additional Estimates Hearing—February 2016

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Parliamentary Library Electronic Media Monitoring Service (EMMS)**

Question: **258**

Written: **Senator Wong**

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1. How does the Library determine which television channels, radio stations and particular content are selected to be recorded by the Electronic Media Monitoring Service, or EMMS as it is commonly known?
2. Is it correct that only radio stations from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Canberra are available?
3. Why is content not provided from Adelaide, Hobart, Perth and Darwin?
4. What regional networks are accessible?

Answer

1. The Library's Electronic Media Monitoring Service is governed by its policy statement, *Governance Paper 5.10 – Library – Policy – Parliamentary Library Electronic Media Monitoring Service (EMMS)*. The governance paper was approved by Joint Standing Committee on the Parliamentary Library on 14 March 2013.

The Governance paper states that the purpose of EMMS is to:

.. provide Senators, Members, their staff and Parliamentary Committees (clients) with access to the content of publicly broadcast TV and radio news, current affairs programs, documentaries and other programs of interest that relate to the clients' parliamentary and representational duties.

EMMS is made available to clients under sections 48A and 104A of the Copyright Act 1968. These sections of the Copyright Act contain exceptions to the rights of copyright owners for the exclusive benefit of parliamentary libraries when library staff respond to requests from serving parliamentarians.

The Governance paper states that the scope of the service covers the following content:

- news programs where a Senator or Member features in an interview
- TV and radio content pertinent to the work of Senators and Members
- TV and radio content considered being of significant political interest in the short or longer term.

- 2.&3. Until 2014, the Library was only able to record radio and television stations that broadcast into Canberra (including syndicated programs). For other metropolitan and regional broadcasts, the Library relied on reciprocal arrangements with State Parliamentary Libraries (except for the SA Parliamentary Library, which does not offer this service). This was recognised as a major service gap.

However, more recently, the Library has been able to improve EMMS' coverage significantly through the use of new technology and enhanced service offerings from external vendors. EMMS now monitors radio stations in every state and territory, including stations broadcasting in Adelaide, Hobart, Perth and Darwin.

In early 2015, through the free to air Viewer Access Satellite Television service, EMMS extended its coverage of metropolitan ABC AM radio stations in each state. In May 2015 the Library further extended its service to include 56 commercial radio stations available through the Fairfax Radio Monitoring service.

As a result, EMMS currently monitors radio stations from every state and territory (in-scope programs are available via EMMS and other content can be provided on demand):

- Radio National (2RN)
- 666 ABC Canberra (2CN)
- 2CC-1206
- PNN (News Radio)
- JJJ
- Radio Australia
- ABC FM
- SBS Radio 1
- ABC South East New South Wales,
- ABC Northern Tasmania (7NT)
- 612 ABC Brisbane
- 774 ABC Melbourne
- 702 ABC Sydney
- 720 ABC Perth
- 891 ABC Adelaide
- 105.7 ABC Darwin
- 3AW 693 News Talk
- 2CH Sydney
- 2DAY FM Sydney
- 2GB Sydney
- 2KY Sydney
- KIIS 1065 Sydney
- 2 MMM Sydney
- NOVA 969 Sydney
- 2SM Sydney
- 2UE Sydney
- WS FM Sydney
- Smooth 953 Sydney
- EDGE FM Sydney
- FBi Sydney
- 3AW Melbourne
- FOX FM Melbourne
- KIIS 101.1 Melbourne
- 3MMM Melbourne
- NOVA 100 Melbourne
- MAGIC 1278 Melbourne
- Smooth 91.5 Melbourne
- My MP Melbourne
- PBS 106.7 Melbourne
- Triple R FM Melbourne
- 4BC Brisbane
- Magic 882 Brisbane
- 4KQ Brisbane
- NEW 97.3 Brisbane
- 4MMM Brisbane
- B105 Brisbane
- NOVA 1069 Brisbane
- 4ZzZ 102.1 Brisbane
- FIVE AA Adelaide
- CRUISE Adelaide
- MIX 102.3 Adelaide
- 5MMM Adelaide
- NOVA 91.9 Adelaide
- Hit 107 Adelaide
- Three D Radio Adelaide
- 61X Perth
- 94.5 FM Perth
- NOVA 93.7 Perth
- 6PR Perth
- 96FM Perth
- 92.9 Perth
- RTR FM Perth
- U98FM Wollongong
- WAVE Wollongong
- 93.9 Bay FM Geelong
- K-Rock FM Geelong
- New FM Newcastle
- KOFM Newcastle
- 2HD Newcastle
- 105.3 2CA Canberra
- 104/7 Canberra
- MIX 106.3 Canberra

4. Senators and Members are able to access over 300 regional radio and TV stations through the iSentia Mediportal (introduced July 2014). (A list of the titles can be provided if required.) The news bulletins broadcast by these stations remain accessible on the iSentia Mediportal for 180 days and can also be downloaded and archived by EMMS staff on request.