

# Program Expenditure Information 2019–20

## Aggregated data for commercial television

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# Definition of terms and abbreviations

References in the definitions to other Acts, instruments or documents means references to those Acts, instruments or other documents, as they are in force from time to time.

Term/abbreviation	Definition
<b>ACS</b>	<a href="#">Broadcasting Services (Australian Content) Standard 2016.</a>
<b>Australian adult drama</b>	An 'Australian drama program' as defined in section 6 of the ACS.
<b>Australian children's drama</b>	An 'Australian C Drama' as defined in CTS 17(1) of the <i>Children's Television Standards 2009</i> (CTS).
<b>Australian children's other</b>	An 'Australian children's other' program that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. satisfies the meaning of 'Australian program' in section 7 of the ACS</li> <li>2. satisfies the meaning of 'C program' in CTS 5</li> <li>3. does not satisfy the meaning of 'Australian C drama' in CTS 5.</li> </ol>
<b>Australian documentaries</b>	A 'documentary program' as defined in section 6 of the ACS, which is an 'Australian program' contained in section 7 of the ACS.
<b>Australian light entertainment—other</b>	<a href="#">All 'Light entertainment' programs that meet the description as set out in the Documentary Guidelines and that are not characterised as 'Light entertainment—variety'.</a> For 'Light entertainment—other' programs to be considered 'Australian', they must satisfy the definition of 'Australian program' in section 7 of the ACS.
<b>Australian light entertainment—variety</b>	<a href="#">An 'Australian light entertainment—variety' program as described in the Documentary Guidelines.</a> For a 'Light entertainment—variety' program to be considered 'Australian', it must satisfy the definition of 'Australian program' in section 7 of the ACS.
<b>Australian news and current affairs</b>	'Current affairs' programs as defined in clause 8 of the <i>Commercial Television Industry Code of Practice 2015</i> . <a href="#">'News' programs as defined in the Documentary Guidelines.</a> For a 'news' or 'current affairs' program to be considered 'Australian', it must satisfy the meaning of 'Australian program' in section 7 of the ACS.
<b>Australian other programming</b>	All programs that satisfy the definition of 'Australian program' in section 7 of the ACS and that do not fit into any of the other 'Australian' program categories listed.
<b>Australian program</b>	An 'Australian program' as defined in section 7 of the ACS.
<b>Australian sports</b>	<a href="#">'Sports coverage' as described in the Documentary Guidelines.</a> For a sports program to be considered 'Australian', it must satisfy the definition of 'Australian program' in section 7 of the ACS.
<b>BSA</b>	<a href="#">Broadcasting Services Act 1992.</a>

<b>Capital cities</b>	Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth and Sydney.
<b>Commercial television broadcasting licence</b>	A commercial television broadcasting licence, as defined in section 6 of the BSA.
<b>CTS</b>	<a href="#">Children's Television Standards 2009</a> .
<b>Number of stations</b>	The quantity of commercial broadcasting licences held by broadcasters during the return period.
<b>Overseas drama</b>	A program that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. does not satisfy the definition of 'Australian program' in section 7 of the ACS, and</li> <li>2. would otherwise satisfy the definition of 'Australian drama program' in section 6 of the ACS except for the requirement for it to be an 'Australian program'.</li> </ol>
<b>Overseas other</b>	A program that does not satisfy: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. the definition of 'Australian program' in section 7 of the ACS, and</li> <li>2. the definition of 'Overseas drama'.</li> </ol>
<b>Overseas programs</b>	Programs other than Australian programs.
<b>Program expenditure</b>	Total program usage plus program amortisation.
<b>Regional Australia</b>	Commercial licence areas that are not metropolitan licence areas, in accordance with section 41CA of the BSA.
<b>Total programs</b>	The total Australian and overseas program expenditure as reported in the ACMA approved form.

## Television—Australia

### Television—Australia—Total

	2017 - 2018	2018 - 2019	2019 - 2020
Number of stations	69	69	69
<b>Program expenditure</b>			
Australian adult drama	92,397,985	95,706,338	79,084,379
Australian children's drama	10,589,565	11,659,436	5,288,035
Australian children's other	15,036,763	13,209,991	5,288,361
Australian news and current affairs	363,708,169	362,420,373	342,412,660
Australian documentaries	10,437,675	9,612,059	7,060,018
Australian sport	634,258,029	526,866,730	504,828,397
Australian light entertainment—variety	1,172,365	3,653,337	546,166
Australian light entertainment—other	485,579,570	530,624,500	529,882,666
Australian other programming	12,780,150	12,767,942	4,852,420
Total Australian programs	1,625,960,271	1,566,520,706	1,479,243,102
Overseas drama	242,904,660	230,803,648	234,562,893
Overseas other	56,229,895	52,613,294	51,204,079
Total overseas programs	299,134,555	283,416,942	285,766,972
Total programs	1,925,094,826	1,849,937,648	1,765,010,074

**Television—Australia—Capital cities**

	2017 - 2018	2018 - 2019	2019 - 2020
Number of stations	15	15	15
<b>Program expenditure</b>			
Australian adult drama	92,397,985	95,706,338	79,084,379
Australian children's drama	10,589,565	11,659,436	5,288,035
Australian children's other	15,036,763	13,209,991	5,288,361
Australian news and current affairs	328,198,757	326,793,194	311,389,374
Australian documentaries	10,437,675	9,612,059	7,060,018
Australian sport	634,258,029	526,866,730	504,828,397
Australian light entertainment—variety	1,172,365	3,653,337	546,166
Australian light entertainment—other	485,579,570	530,624,500	529,882,666
Australian other programming	12,337,289	12,424,133	4,743,812
Total Australian programs	1,590,007,998	1,530,549,718	1,448,111,208
Overseas drama	242,904,660	230,803,648	234,562,893
Overseas other	55,074,284	52,326,441	50,982,211
Total overseas programs	297,978,944	283,130,089	285,545,104
Total programs	1,887,986,942	1,813,679,807	1,733,656,312

**Television—Australia—Regional**

	2017 - 2018	2018 - 2019	2019 - 2020
Number of stations	54	54	54
<b>Program expenditure</b>			
Australian adult drama	0	0	0
Australian children's drama	0	0	0
Australian children's other	0	0	0
Australian news and current affairs	35,509,412	35,627,179	31,023,286
Australian documentaries	0	0	0
Australian sport	0	0	0
Australian light entertainment—variety	0	0	0
Australian light entertainment—other	0	0	0
Australian other programming	442,861	343,809	108,608
Total Australian programs	35,952,273	35,970,988	31,131,894
Overseas drama	0	0	0
Overseas other	1,155,611	286,853	221,868
Total overseas programs	1,155,611	286,853	221,868
Total programs	37,107,884	36,257,841	31,353,762