

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to

Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Restoring Shortwave Radio) Bill 2017

Hearing

June 2017

Department of Communications and the Arts

Written, 21/06/2017

Asked:

Please confirm that the International High Frequency Transmitting Station at Shepparton was the last remaining Australian facility capable of broadcasting to South-east Asia, West Pacific, South-west Pacific and Central Pacific regions with versatility and reliability?

Answer:

Transmitting infrastructure is generally a privately held asset in Australia. As a result, the Department and the Australian Communications and Media Authority have no information on whether there are other International High Frequency Transmitting Stations capable of broadcasting internationally in Australia.

The Australian Broadcasting Corporation has also advised that it is not aware of any other third-party shortwave facilities with this capability.