

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**

**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**

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**Topic: Community Digital Radio Project**

**Senator URQUHART asked:**

Am I right that, in last year's budget, additional funds were made available to assist community broadcasters to move into digital radio?

**Ms O'Loughlin:** In last year's budget, there was a small amount of money which was about moving some self-help radio services from the Aurora satellite service to the VAST satellite service. I will ask my colleague Dr Pelling to clarify that.

**Dr Pelling:** Funding was provided to assist community radio broadcasters to move to digital. We would have to take it on notice, but I think there was a small additional amount in the budget last year. I cannot recall the details.

**Ms O'Loughlin:** We will take that on notice.

**Answer:**

As stated in the August 2013 Economic Statement, an additional funding of \$6.0 million was provided for community broadcasting. The funding is to manage the Digital Radio Project (DRP).