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**Topic: Backhaul**

**Senator McKenzie asked:**

**Mr Pendleton:** We currently already back-haul about 19 of our regional services, and they are up on the VAST satellite as part of our distribution network. The secondary part of this exercise will be to bring the rest of the services back in order to get them up onto the VAST service and also to stream them at the same time. That is the second project.

**Mr Scott:** What we want to be able to do is then load them all onto the radio app, so that when you go to the radio app you do not just get the digital channels and the metro streams but you will be able to access all our local streams.

**Senator McKENZIE:** You would be able to personalise it, which I know is something you are very keen to do.

**Mr Scott:** Yes.

**Senator McKENZIE:** Is the \$2 million in the backhaul or is that in the streaming?

**Mr Pendleton:** To stream the first 19, there is about \$600,000 or \$700,000 worth of capital expenditure. That will place us in a good position for the residual services, but there is a capital spend on top of that. I do not have the number on that.

**Senator McKENZIE:** Could you get me the number on that?

**Answer:**

The ABC is upgrading its existing streaming system and adding 13 ABC Local Radio streams and delayed feeds of Radio National, Triple J, Classic FM and Double J to the current internet line up. The cost to do this is \$650,000 in capital and \$250,000 in operational costs each year.