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Topic: Shortwave transmitters

Senator McCarthy, Malarndirri asked:

Senator McCARTHY: What is the status of the transmitters used to transmit shortwave?

Mr Pendleton: I would have to check with Broadcast Australia what their intentions are for those transmitters.

Senator McCARTHY: How many transmitters are we talking about?

Mr Pendleton: There are three sites. I am not sure. I think they are single-transmitter sites, but again I am not 100 per cent sure.

Senator McCARTHY: So you have made a decision to remove a service without knowing where those transmitters are?

Mr Pendleton: I know where the transmitters are, but I am not sure how many transmitters sit at each site.

Answer:

The domestic Northern Territory shortwave services operated from transmission facilities at Katherine, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs. There was one shortwave transmitter located at each site.