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Topic: ABC shortwave – BoM weather events

Senator McKenzie, Bridget asked:

Senator McKENZIE: That it will not impact—

Ms Guthrie: As I highlighted to Senator McCarthy, the Northern Territory government's website in fact recommends that residents check the Bureau of Meteorology's communications for information about weather events, not to check the ABC short-wave service.

Senator McKENZIE: When was that put up?

Ms Guthrie: My understanding is that it is on the Northern Territory government's website.

Senator McKENZIE: I am sure it is, but when was it put up? Was it put up post your decision on short-wave radio?

Ms Guthrie: I have no idea.

Senator McKENZIE: Can you take that on notice, please, to find that out?

Ms Guthrie: Sure.

Answer:

The advice on the Northern Territory Government emergency information website, *NT Secure*, which directs the public to access weather information and alerts from the Bureau of Meteorology, predates the ABC's decision to switch off its shortwave services.