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Topic: ABCNews 24 Live Crosses

Senator McGrath, James asked:

1. How many live crosses occurred on ABC News 24 during 2014-15 to date?
2. What are the details of each of these live crosses, including their content and length?

Answer:

1. From 1 July 2014 to 31 May 2015 there have been 2,694 live crosses conducted by News 24.
2. ABC News 24 do not record or collate the specific details on the content and duration of these crosses, as doing so would require an unsustainable diversion of resources. In addition, News 24's archiving capacity precludes the unlimited storage of material that has gone to air, making retention of this information impossible.