

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

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Communications Portfolio

Australian Broadcasting Corporation

Question No: 145

**Australian Broadcasting Corporation**

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**Topic: Expenditure and hours**

**Senator Hanson-Young, Sarah asked:**

For each of the financial years from 2012-13 to 2015-16:

1. Can a breakdown be provided of expenditure incurred and hours produced for each of the following categories:
  - (a) fiction
    - i. 1. Drama
    - ii. 2. Narrative comedy
  - (b) children's programs, and
  - (c) factual and documentaries.
2. Can a breakdown be provided of expenditure incurred and hours produced for Australian programs in each of the following categories:
  - (a) fiction
    - i. Drama
    - ii. Narrative comedy
  - (b) children's programs, and
  - (c) factual and documentaries.

**Answer:**

1.

(a)(i) & (ii)

<b>Fiction expenditure (excluding labour)</b>				
<b>Sub Unit</b>	<b>2012/13</b>	<b>2013/14</b>	<b>2014/15</b>	<b>2015/16</b>
Drama	\$44,383,304	\$36,230,386	\$35,732,704	\$36,247,667
Narrative Comedy	\$10,748,834	\$12,156,283	\$8,023,257	\$8,965,436
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$55,132,138</b>	<b>\$48,386,668</b>	<b>\$43,755,961</b>	<b>\$45,213,102</b>

<b>Fiction TV Hours Produced</b>				
<b>Sub Unit</b>	<b>2012/13</b>	<b>2013/14</b>	<b>2014/15</b>	<b>2015/16</b>
Drama	65	57	53	52
Narrative Comedy	40	36	22	18
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>70</b>

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<b>Children's expenditure (excluding labour)</b>				
<b>Content Unit</b>	<b>2012/13</b>	<b>2013/14</b>	<b>2014/15</b>	<b>2015/16</b>
Childrens	\$20,201,470	\$19,240,197	\$16,672,739	\$16,991,480
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$20,201,470</b>	<b>\$19,240,197</b>	<b>\$16,672,739</b>	<b>\$16,991,480</b>

<b>Children's Hours Produced</b>				
<b>Content Unit</b>	<b>2012/13</b>	<b>2013/14</b>	<b>2014/15</b>	<b>2015/16</b>
Childrens	321	291	309	279
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>279</b>

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<b>Factual and Documentaries expenditure (excluding labour)</b>				
<b>Content Unit</b>	<b>2012/13</b>	<b>2013/14</b>	<b>2014/15</b>	<b>2015/16</b>
Documentaries	\$7,311,269	\$8,525,646	\$6,811,584	\$8,766,546
Factual	\$3,514,140	\$2,233,511	\$2,516,237	\$2,838,850
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$10,825,409</b>	<b>\$10,759,157</b>	<b>\$9,327,822</b>	<b>\$11,605,396</b>

<b>Factual and Documentaries Hours Produced</b>				
<b>Content Unit</b>	<b>2012/13</b>	<b>2013/14</b>	<b>2014/15</b>	<b>2015/16</b>
Documentaries	77	49	37	51
Factual	547	553	303	87
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>624</b>	<b>601</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>137</b>

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(a)(i) & (ii)

<b>Fiction Actual Premiere Australian Hours Broadcast (all channels)</b>				
<b>Content Unit</b>	<b>2012/13</b>	<b>2013/14</b>	<b>2014/15</b>	<b>2015/16</b>
Drama & Narrative Comedy	68	126	75	60

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<b>ABC TV Children's Actual Premiere Australian Hours Broadcast (all channels)</b>				
<b>Content Unit</b>	<b>2012/13</b>	<b>2013/14</b>	<b>2014/15</b>	<b>2015/16</b>
Childrens	450	422	374	316

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<b>Factual and Documentaries Actual Premiere Australian Hours Broadcast (all channels)</b>				
<b>Content Unit</b>	<b>2012/13</b>	<b>2013/14</b>	<b>2014/15</b>	<b>2015/16</b>
Documentaries	39	52	56	43
Factual	212	192	168	89
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>132</b>