

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**

**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**

**Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearings October 2016**

**Communications Portfolio**

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**Topic: Reduction in Budget for TV**

**Senator DI NATALE:** Could you give me specific amounts for the reductions in the budgets for say TV drama, children's programs and documentaries?

**Ms Guthrie:** I can ask Mr Pendleton to give you specifics around some of those reductions on TV spend in particular.

**Mr Pendleton:** In relation to the particular genres we would probably need to take that on notice but, as the managing director has alluded to, the reductions across the three years in our budgets have all been absorbed by our back office efficiencies and support but necessarily the reinvestments or changes from year to year are across a range of activities in the organisation. On the contents side of the business it has been more in the nature of realignment. I can, on notice, provide you with some of the details of the specifics but I have not got those here.

**Senator DI NATALE:** If you would not mind just providing that on notice. In looking forward do you expect any reductions in any of those areas, drama, children's programs or documentaries, over the coming few years? Are you expecting reductions in the television budgets of any of those areas?

**Answer:**

The allocation of the television funding for the last three years and the current year for fiction (including Indigenous drama and narrative comedy), children's programming and documentaries is:

	<b>2013/14</b>	<b>2014/15</b>	<b>2015/16</b>	<b>2016/17</b>
Fiction budget	49,449,000	47,374,000	44,824,000	41,538,000
Children's budget	24,391,000	24,842,000	23,642,000	22,642,001
Documentary budget	7,622,000	6,842,728	6,842,728	9,216,000