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Topic: Monocle radio

Senator Di Natale, Richard asked:

Senator HUME: Senator DI NATALE: Let me just ask you a couple of questions about Monocle Radio that you broadcast overnight which I understand is a for-profit broadcast from the UK. Is that right?

Ms Guthrie: I think that is correct.

Senator DI NATALE: Can you talk me through the deal between ABC and Monocle Radio?

Ms Guthrie: I do not have the details with me. I will have to take that on notice.

Senator DI NATALE: Is there anyone else aware of that?

Mr Pendleton: No, not in any detail.

Mr Sunderland: No.

Senator DI NATALE: I have got a few questions around that with issues around whether that arrangement has impacted on the amount of locally produced content.

Mr Millett: I am happy to take it on notice and come back with the details.

Answer:

Radio National's arrangement with Monocle commenced in 2011 with a 12 month licence agreement which allowed Monocle to stream Radio Australia news bulletins, and Radio National to broadcast and stream Monocle content on Radio National, each in exchange for discounted licence fees.

Monocle audio content was largely used in Radio National's overnight schedule. The inclusion of Monocle content did not have an impact on the amount of content produced by Radio National.

Radio National ceased broadcasting Monocle content on 19 October 2016.