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Australian Broadcasting Corporation

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Topic: Transcription services

Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:

1. Please list the ABC programs and content will be impacted by the decision to reduce transcription services?
2. Please provide average audience viewer / listener statistics for those programs.
3. Please provide the aggregate weekly minutes worth of content that will no longer be transcribed?

Answer:

1. The key interview or story from each episode of *AM*, *The World Today*, *Correspondents Report*, *PM* and *Insiders* will now be transcribed instead of the complete episode.
2. Average audiences for affected programs:

Program	Audience
<i>AM</i>	1,601,000
<i>PM</i>	637,000
<i>The World Today</i>	663,000
<i>Correspondent's Report</i>	Not within survey range
<i>Insiders</i>	592,000

3. The number of hours of content no longer transcribed will vary depending on story length, but it is estimated at approximately 400 minutes each week.