

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**  
**Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearings October 2016**  
**Communications Portfolio**  
**Special Broadcasting Service**

**Question No: 87**

**Special Broadcasting Service**

**Hansard Ref: Written, 31/10/2016**

**Topic: World Cup matches**

**Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:**

Has there been any changes to the number of World Cup matches SBS will broadcast in 2018, and has SBS sold the rights to some matches to Optus.

**Answer:**

Under the SBS agreement with FIFA, SBS acquired all rights to all games on all platforms.

SBS has sub-licenced the subscription television rights to all 64 matches of the 2018 FIFA World Cup to Optus. SBS will broadcast 25 matches of the World Cup including the opening game, all Socceroos matches, the Semi-finals and Final, as well as daily highlights.