

Program Expenditure Information 2017–18

Aggregated data for commercial television

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Definition of terms and abbreviations

References in the definitions to other Acts, instruments or documents means references to those Acts, instruments or other documents, as they are in force from time to time.

Term/abbreviation	Definition
ACS	Broadcasting Services (Australian Content) Standard 2016.
Australian adult drama	An 'Australian drama program' as defined in section 6 of the ACS.
Australian children's drama	An 'Australian C Drama' as defined in CTS 17(1) of the <i>Children's Television Standards 2009</i> (CTS).
Australian children's other	An 'Australian children's other' program that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. satisfies the meaning of 'Australian program' in section 7 of the ACS 2. satisfies the meaning of 'C program' in CTS 5 3. does not satisfy the meaning of 'Australian C drama' in CTS 5.
Australian documentaries	A 'documentary program' as defined in section 6 of the ACS, which is an 'Australian program' contained in section 7 of the ACS.
Australian light entertainment—other	All 'Light entertainment' programs that meet the description as set out in the Documentary Guidelines and that are not characterised as 'Light entertainment—variety'. For 'Light entertainment—other' programs to be considered 'Australian', they must satisfy the definition of 'Australian program' in section 7 of the ACS.
Australian light entertainment—variety	An 'Australian light entertainment—variety' program as described in the Documentary Guidelines. For a 'Light entertainment—variety' program to be considered 'Australian', it must satisfy the definition of 'Australian program' in section 7 of the ACS.
Australian news and current affairs	'Current affairs' programs as defined in clause 8 of the <i>Commercial Television Industry Code of Practice 2015</i> . 'News' programs as defined in the Documentary Guidelines. For a 'news' or 'current affairs' program to be considered 'Australian', it must satisfy the meaning of 'Australian program' in section 7 of the ACS.
Australian other programming	All programs that satisfy the definition of 'Australian program' in section 7 of the ACS and that do not fit into any of the other 'Australian' program categories listed.
Australian program	An 'Australian program' as defined in section 7 of the ACS.
Australian sports	'Sports coverage' as described in the Documentary Guidelines. For a sports program to be considered 'Australian', it must satisfy the definition of 'Australian program' in section 7 of the ACS.
BSA	Broadcasting Services Act 1992.

Capital cities	Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth and Sydney.
Commercial television broadcasting licence	A commercial television broadcasting licence, as defined in section 6 of the BSA.
CTS	Children's Television Standards 2009 .
Number of stations	The quantity of commercial broadcasting licences held by broadcasters during the return period.
Overseas drama	A program that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. does not satisfy the definition of 'Australian program' in section 7 of the ACS, and 2. would otherwise satisfy the definition of 'Australian drama program' in section 6 of the ACS except for the requirement for it to be an 'Australian program'.
Overseas other	A program that does not satisfy: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the definition of 'Australian program' in section 7 of the ACS, and 2. the definition of 'Overseas drama'.
Overseas programs	Programs other than Australian programs.
Program expenditure	Total program usage plus program amortisation.
Regional Australia	Commercial licence areas that are not metropolitan licence areas, in accordance with section 41CA of the BSA.
Total programs	The total Australian and overseas program expenditure as reported in the ACMA approved form.

Television—Australia

Television—Australia—Total

	2015 - 2016	2016 - 2017	2017 - 2018
Number of stations	69	69	69
Program expenditure			
Australian adult drama	95,204,773	126,286,202	92,397,985
Australian children's drama	10,416,295	5,741,662	10,589,565
Australian children's other	13,104,246	12,158,518	15,036,763
Australian news and current affairs	384,163,708	377,598,853	363,708,169
Australian documentaries	8,661,798	14,118,470	10,437,675
Australian sport	497,934,955	602,939,117	634,258,029
Australian light entertainment—variety	220,040,988	217,748,923	1,172,365
Australian light entertainment—other	243,526,916	210,005,957	485,579,570
Australian other programming	30,229,118	41,248,922	12,780,150
Total Australian programs	1,503,282,797	1,607,846,624	1,625,960,271
Overseas drama	300,525,395	277,168,342	242,904,660
Overseas other	113,446,252	90,266,879	56,229,895
Total overseas programs	413,971,647	367,435,221	299,134,555
Total programs	1,917,254,444	1,975,281,845	1,925,094,826

Television—Australia—Capital cities

	2015 - 2016	2016 - 2017	2017 - 2018
Number of stations	15	15	15
Program expenditure			
Australian adult drama	95,204,773	126,286,202	92,397,985
Australian children's drama	10,416,295	5,741,662	10,589,565
Australian children's other	13,104,246	12,158,518	15,036,763
Australian news and current affairs	348,308,567	341,128,220	328,198,757
Australian documentaries	8,661,798	14,118,470	10,437,675
Australian sport	497,934,955	602,925,317	634,258,029
Australian light entertainment— variety	220,040,988	217,748,923	1,172,365
Australian light entertainment— other	243,526,916	209,450,695	485,579,570
Australian other programming	29,696,204	41,248,922	12,337,289
Total Australian programs	1,466,894,742	1,570,806,929	1,590,007,998
Overseas drama	300,525,395	277,168,342	242,904,660
Overseas other	113,446,252	90,266,879	55,074,284
Total overseas programs	413,971,647	367,435,221	297,978,944
Total programs	1,880,866,389	1,938,242,150	1,887,986,942

Television—Australia—Regional

	2015 - 2016	2016 - 2017	2017 - 2018
Number of stations	54	54	54
Program expenditure			
Australian adult drama	0	0	0
Australian children's drama	0	0	0
Australian children's other	0	0	0
Australian news and current affairs	35,855,141	36,470,633	35,509,412
Australian documentaries	0	0	0
Australian sport	0	13,800	0
Australian light entertainment—variety	0	0	0
Australian light entertainment—other	0	555,262	0
Australian other programming	532,914	0	442,861
Total Australian programs	36,388,055	37,039,695	35,952,273
Overseas drama	0	0	0
Overseas other	0	0	1,155,611
Total overseas programs	0	0	1,155,611
Total programs	36,388,055	37,039,695	37,107,884