

Program Expenditure Information 2016–17

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

	2014 - 2015	2015 - 2016	2016 - 2017
Number of stations	69	69	69
Program expenditure			
Australian adult drama	105,444,882	95,204,773	126,286,202
Australian children's drama	15,788,639	10,416,295	6,764,922
Australian children's other	14,152,650	13,104,246	11,135,257
Australian news and current affairs	395,663,293	384,163,708	377,598,853
Australian documentaries	5,153,664	8,661,798	14,118,470
Australian sport	479,200,625	497,934,955	602,939,117
Australian light entertainment—variety	195,756,315	220,040,988	217,748,923
Australian light entertainment—other	232,456,943	243,526,916	210,005,957
Australian other programming	22,024,491	30,229,118	41,248,922
Total Australian programs	1,465,641,502	1,503,282,797	1,607,846,624
Overseas drama	389,899,938	300,525,395	277,168,342
Overseas other	93,251,473	113,446,252	90,266,879
Total overseas programs	483,151,411	413,971,647	367,435,221
Total programs	1,948,792,913	1,917,254,444	1,975,281,845

Television—Australia—Capital cities

	2014 - 2015	2015 - 2016	2016 - 2017
Number of stations	15	15	15
Program expenditure			
Australian adult drama	105,444,882	95,204,773	126,286,202
Australian children's drama	15,788,639	10,416,295	6,764,922
Australian children's other	14,152,650	13,104,246	11,135,257
Australian news and current affairs	360,177,398	348,308,567	341,128,220
Australian documentaries	5,153,664	8,661,798	14,118,470
Australian sport	479,200,625	497,934,955	602,925,317
Australian light entertainment— variety	195,756,315	220,040,988	217,748,923
Australian light entertainment— other	232,456,943	243,526,916	209,450,695
Australian other programming	22,024,491	29,696,204	41,248,922
Total Australian programs	1,430,155,607	1,466,894,742	1,570,806,929
Overseas drama	389,899,938	300,525,395	277,168,342
Overseas other	93,251,473	113,446,252	90,266,879
Total overseas programs	483,151,411	413,971,647	367,435,221
Total programs	1,913,307,018	1,880,866,389	1,938,242,150

Television—Australia—Regional

	2014 - 2015	2015 - 2016	2016 - 2017
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	35,485,895	35,855,141	36,470,633
Australian documentaries	0	0	0
Australian sport	0	0	13,800
Australian light entertainment—variety	0	0	0
Australian light entertainment—other	0	0	555,262
Australian other programming	0	532,914	0
Total Australian programs	35,485,895	36,388,055	37,039,695
Overseas drama	0	0	0
Overseas other	0	0	0
Total overseas programs	0	0	0
Total programs	35,485,895	36,388,055	37,039,695