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Good morning [redacted],

I am writing to let you know that updates have now been made to the ACMA's guidance materials on our SVOD webpages (see the expenditure, revenue and eligible programs pages).

I would particularly like to draw your attention to some of our explanatory materials in the expenditure page that demonstrate how the SVOD Australian content requirement interacts with obligations on commercial television licensees. Additionally, I would like to flag our updates at the top of the revenue page, which respond directly to queries raised at our last catch up about revenue that should not be counted.

Please do reach out if you have any questions.

Cheers,

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Good morning,

Update on guidance materials

In late April, a series of updates were made to the ACMA's webpages explaining the operation of the Australian Content Requirement for Subscription Video on Demand Services (contained in Part 8C of the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992*). At the time we flagged that additional changes would be made to our expenditure webpage.

Rather than providing minor updates, the team has elected to provide more comprehensive changes to respond more fully to stakeholder queries. This has shifted the timeline of this advice slightly. Given this, we wanted to write to confirm our planned release of upcoming guidance.

In the week of 18 May

Next week, a series of webpage updates are planned that respond to queries that we have received. These updates will include:

- clarifications about the treatment of international rights taken as part of commissions and co-commissions.
- more detailed examples to explain the interaction between the SVOD Australian Content Requirement and obligations on commercial broadcasters.
- information about what SVODs should have regard to when considering whether expenditure is post-production expenditure on an eligible Australian program.
- an update on what is meant by a 'material contribution' for commissioned eligible Australian programs.
- our position on the circumstances where an award ceremony may be considered an arts programs.
- an additional clarification about how revenue received by third-parties (e.g., money that a third party takes as part of a transaction that is not received by an SVOD) should be treated.

In the week of 25 May

In the week of 25 May, a new webpage will be inserted to our existing materials that explain how SVODs can acquit their requirements over a rolling three-year acquittal cycle. The webpage will provide eight worked examples for how carry-forward expenditure and shortfalls may be treated across multiple reporting years. This guidance will also explain the interaction between overdue shortfalls and an SVODs ability to elect the revenue method for a three-year period.

Thank you for your patience while we prepare these materials for release. We will notify you again via this email when the updates have been made.

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