



National Broadcasters – Funding and Reporting

ABC and SBS will receive \$4.2 billion across the 2022-23 to 2024-25 triennium to provide innovative, comprehensive and high quality television, radio and digital media services to all Australians. It is important that the ABC and SBS deliver the best possible outcomes with the funding they receive.

Funding supports strong, resilient and efficient public broadcasters

This funding represents an **increase in funding for both national broadcasters** against the 2016-19 and 2019-22 triennia, and is a **total funding increase in real terms**.

The Government **recognises the importance of the ABC and SBS**, and understands that Australians value their services. We are committed to **strong and resilient national broadcasters**, operating efficiently and delivering the best possible outcomes with the substantial funding they receive.

This funding reflects the important role the two broadcasters play in the Australian media and entertainment landscape. The ABC and SBS provide **important public interest journalism** and play a significant role in **commissioning and broadcasting Australian content**.

Given the importance of the national broadcasters' role and the significant funding they receive, there is a **strong expectation in the Australian community that they will perform to the highest standards and where they do not, they will be held appropriately accountable**. The Government will continue to work with the national broadcasters to ensure these standards are met.

The ABC will receive **\$3,284.9 million over three years**. This includes **\$45.8 million for the Enhanced News Gathering program** to strengthen local public interest journalism outside the major city centres.

The ABC will also see a **return of indexation on base operational funding** as outlined in previous Budget estimates.

The SBS will receive **\$953.7 million over three years, including an additional \$37.5 million in ongoing funding** to support its long-term sustainability.

The Government is proud to support the **continued provision of audio description services** to blind and vision impaired Australians. Additional funding will ensure the continuation and expansion of audio description by the national broadcasters over the next three years.

2022-23 to 2024-25 Triennium	2022-23 \$m	2023-24 \$m	2024-25 \$m	Total \$m
ABC base operational and transmission funding	1,061.7	1,078.0	1,096.4	3,236.1
Enhanced News Gathering	15.0	15.3	15.6	45.8
Audio Description	1.0	1.0	1.0	3.0
Total ABC funding	1,077.7	1,094.2	1,113.0	3,284.9
SBS base operational and transmission funding	304.7	310.6	316.9	932.2
Extension of non-English language services*	9.2	9.4	0.0	18.5
Audio Description	1.0	1.0	1.0	3.0
Total SBS funding	314.9	321.0	317.9	953.7
Total appropriation	1,392.6	1,415.2	1,430.8	4,238.7

* Note: this is a three-year funding commitment, expiring on 30 June 2024, for additional news services in Arabic and Mandarin. A decision on whether to extend this funding will be taken as part of the 2024/25 Budget, based upon an assessment of the performance of these additional services.

New reporting expectation for national broadcasters

The Government will establish the **National Broadcasters Reporting Framework for Australian Content** to increase public transparency around how much our national broadcasters are investing in Australian content.

The ABC and SBS will be asked to **report to the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA)** on their provision of, and expenditure on, Australian content in line with the reporting obligations currently in place for commercial television broadcasting licensees.

The Framework will form part of the **broader reporting arrangements for Australian content**, overseen and administered by the ACMA. The Government will provide ACMA with an additional **\$3.3 million over four years to develop and implement a single, harmonised reporting framework** for all content providers, including streaming services, national, commercial and subscription broadcasters.

Further information about the Government's expectations of the national broadcasters is available [here](#).