

State Ethnic Broadcasting Advisory Committee

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Dear Ron,

in response to your request that my Committee review, once again, the time-slots presented in conjunction with our report, it pleases me to inform you that this third schedule is now ready. Its contents have been anticipated to the coordinators and broadcasters convened by the Special Broadcasting Service at the Balmain Town Hall last week for the presentation of its Policy.

This schedule is to be read in conjunction with the previous report. The major difference between this schedule and the previous one consists in our attempt (following SBS advice) to keep "major" language groups scheduled across the board. On paper we have succeeded, but I doubt if the implementation of this schedule, with regards to major language groups, can be painless.

The basic approach to finding a sufficiently large number of slots was to reduce "major" language programmes to 45 minutes. Having done that, we proceeded to arbitrarily place Turkish, Italian, Greek and the Slav languages at available times (having taken into account the need to give each language at least one hour of prime time). As a result, there was only one time-slot in prime time, in the evening, for the major language groups, between 6.30 p.m. and 7.15 p.m. The others were 4p.m. to 4.45p.m.; 4.45p.m. to 5.30p.m.; and, finally, 10.15p.m. to 11p.m.

Question is: how can we pick a language out of those four and give it the "good" time slot seven days a week and give all others the "bad" time slots? On what basis? By which criterion?

The only equitable solution is for the major language-groups to alternate the time slots across the board; but then, we practically revert to the original principle which negated that a language group be necessarily given the same time slot across the board.

Having further noted that the 45-minute programme has been accepted by most as reasonable, in preference to a smaller number of 60-minute programmes (on condition that they be paid as if they were 60-minute programmes), and that provision has been made for one Korean hour and one Islands-hour (both in prime time), we cannot but underline once again that IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO SATISFY THE PRESENT, LET ALONE FUTURE, REQUIREMENTS OF THE COMMUNITIES WITH ONE FREQUENCY.

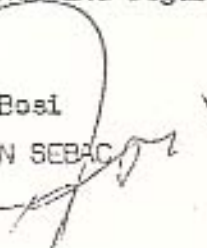
My committee has spent umpteen hours trying to come up with some equitable arrangement; we don't seem able to make it. If we satisfy the requirements of the major-language groups, we must deal unjustly with the large number of smaller language groups; if we deal justly with them, we most certainly deprive the major language groups of what they have come to consider their "daily bread".

In committing this document to you, I would ask you to seek information from the Minister for Post and Telecommunication, Hon. Tony Staley, as to whether it might not be possible to retain this present frequency (when we are awarded the more powerful transmitter) not only to be able to do justice to all the communities, but also to allow developments of English language programmes which, as you can see from the attached schedule, have been squeezed as best we could over a period of 5 days a week.

To soften the blow, when the public announcement is made about the proposed rescheduling, we would not only do well in announcing that all programmes would go all original, but that a second frequency would redress the imbalance created now against major language groups.

With best wishes and regards

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NUMBER OF PROGRAMMES PER LANGUAGE GROUP

Third Schedule

	LANGUAGE	Number of Programmes	NOW	Number of Hours	BEFORE
- 1.30hrs	<u>Italian</u>	(14x45' + 2x60')	16	12.30hrs	14
- 2.30hrs	<u>Greek</u>	(14x45' + 1x60')	15	11.30hrs	14
+ 5.15hrs	<u>Arabic</u>	(7x45' + 4x60')	11	9.15hrs	4
- 1.00hrs	<u>German</u>	(7x60')	7	7	8
- 7.45hrs	<u>Turkish</u>	(7x45' + 1x60')	8	6.15hrs	14
nil	<u>Spanish</u>	(8x60')	8	8	8
+ 0.15hrs	<u>Croatian</u>	(5x45')	5	3.45hrs	3.30
- 2.00hrs	<u>Maltese</u>	(5x60')	5	5	7
nil	<u>Chinese</u>	(4x60')	4	4	4
- 0.30hrs	<u>Macedonian</u>	(4x45')	4	3	3.30
- 0.30hrs	<u>Serbian</u>	(4x45')	4	3	3.30
+ 2.00hrs	<u>Vietnamese</u>	(3x60')	3	3	1
+ 1.00hrs	<u>Hungarian</u>	(3x60')	3	3	2
+ 1.00hrs	<u>Polish</u>	(3x60')	3	3	2
+ 1.00hrs	<u>Dutch</u>	(3x60')	3	3	2
+ 1.00hrs	<u>Ukrainian</u>	(3x60')	3	3	2
+ 1.00hrs	<u>Jewish</u>	(3x60')	3	3	2
+ 1.00hrs	<u>French</u>	(3x60')	3	3	2
nil	<u>Russian</u>	(3x60')	3	3	3
+ 1.00hrs	<u>Indian Subcont.</u>	(3x50')	3	3	2
nil	<u>Portuguese</u>	(2x60')	2	2	2
- 2.00hrs	<u>Slovenian</u>	(2x45')	2	1.30 hrs	3.30
+ 1.00hrs	<u>Armenian</u>	(2x60')	2	2	1
+ 1.00hrs	<u>Assyrian</u>	(2x60')	2	2	1
Nil	<u>Latvian</u>	(2x60')	2	2	2
Nil	<u>Lithuanian</u>	(1x60')	1	1	1
Nil	<u>Pilipino</u>	(1x60')	1	1	1
Nil	<u>Estonian</u>	(1x60')	1	1	1
Nil	<u>Czech</u>	(1x60')	1	1	1
Nil	<u>Slovak</u>	(1x60')	1	1	1
Nil	<u>Finnish</u>	(1x60')	1	1	1
+0.30hrs	<u>Byelorussian</u>	(1x60')	1	1	.30
+0.30hrs	<u>Rumanian</u>	(1x60')	1	1	.30

SCANDINAVIANS, KOREANS AND ISLANDERS HAVE EACH BEEN GRANTED 1 HOUR DURING PRIME TIME

6.00 - 6.45	GREEK	GREEK	GREEK	GREEK	GREEK	GREEK	GREEK	GREEK	GREEK	GREEK
6.45 - 7.30	ARABIC	ARABIC	ARABIC	ARABIC	ARABIC	ARABIC	ARABIC	ARABIC	ARABIC	ARABIC
7.30 - 8.15	CROATIAN	MACEDONIAN	CROATIAN	SERBIAN	MACEDONIAN	CROATIAN	SERBIAN	MACEDONIAN	CROATIAN	SLOVENIAN
8.15 - 9.00	ITALIAN	ITALIAN	ITALIAN	ITALIAN	ITALIAN	ITALIAN	ITALIAN	ITALIAN	ITALIAN	ITALIAN
9.00 - 10.00	MALTESE	POLISH	VIETNAMESE	ARMENIAN	TURKISH	HUNGARIAN	ARMENIAN	TURKISH	HUNGARIAN	DUTCH
10.00 - 11.00	GERMAN	ASSYRIAN	GERMAN	PORTUGUESE	GERMAN	LITHUANIAN	PORTUGUESE	GERMAN	LITHUANIAN	JEWISH
11.00 - 12.00	DUTCH	UKRAINIAN	RUSSIAN	HUNGARIAN	INDIAN	GERMAN	HUNGARIAN	INDIAN	GERMAN	UKRAINIAN
12.00 - 13.00	SPANISH	MALTESE	SPANISH	MALTESE	SPANISH	MALTESE	MALTESE	SPANISH	MALTESE	MALTESE
13.00 - 14.00	ENGLISH	ENGLISH	ENGLISH	ENGLISH	ENGLISH	ENGLISH	ENGLISH	ENGLISH	SPANISH	GERMAN
14.00 - 15.00	INDIAN	FRENCH	CHINESE	SPANISH	JEWISH	RUSSIAN	SPANISH	JEWISH	RUSSIAN	POLISH
15.00 - 16.00	RUSSIAN	CHINESE	POLISH	ARABIC	ARABIC	ARABIC	ARABIC	ARABIC	ARABIC	ARABIC
16.00 - 16.45	TURKISH	TURKISH	TURKISH	TURKISH	TURKISH	TURKISH	TURKISH	TURKISH	TURKISH	TURKISH
16.45 - 17.30	ITALIAN	ITALIAN	ITALIAN	ITALIAN	ITALIAN	ITALIAN	ITALIAN	ITALIAN	ITALIAN	ITALIAN
17.30 - 18.30	CHINESE	KOREAN	GERMAN	CHINESE	ISLANDERS	LATVIAN	CHINESE	ISLANDERS	LATVIAN	FRENCH
18.30 - 19.15	GREEK	GREEK	GREEK	GREEK	GREEK	GREEK	GREEK	GREEK	GREEK	GREEK
19.15 - 20.15	ARMENIAN	VIETNAMESE	JEWISH	ROMANIAN	ASSYRIAN	DUTCH	ROMANIAN	ASSYRIAN	DUTCH	INDIAN
20.15 - 21.15	PORTUGUESE	BYELORUSSIAN	SCANDINAVIAN	SLOVAK	FILIPINO	FINNISH	SLOVAK	FILIPINO	FINNISH	CZECH
21.15 - 22.15	HUNGARIAN	SPANISH	SPANISH	UKRAINIAN	VIETNAMESE	ESTONIAN	UKRAINIAN	VIETNAMESE	ESTONIAN	SPANISH
22.00	SERBIAN	SLOVAK/W	MACEDONIAN	CROATIAN	SERVIAN	MACEDONIAN	CROATIAN	SERVIAN	MACEDONIAN	CROATIAN
	ITALIAN	SERBIAN	LATVIAN	FRENCH	ITALIAN	GERMAN	FRENCH	ITALIAN	GERMAN	GREEK