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Our reference: A2009-00070

Mrs. Monica Auer



Dear Mrs. Auer:

This is further to your request under the *Access to Information Act (the Act)*, received on November 16, 2009, for the following documents:

In relation to the data that the CRTC collects from each BDU undertaking about its "basic service revenue", through "Licence Fee Return" form no. 61:

The total basic service revenue reported, by year, from 1997/98 to 2007/08. In other words, I do not want to have the revenue figures from individual companies, but simply the total amount reported for "basic service revenue", by year, for the period specified.

The CRTC does not have a record containing the information that you are requesting. For form no. 61, licensees are required to report four categories of revenue subject to licence fees. Specifically, broadcast distribution undertakings are required to report:

1. Basic Revenue
2. Gross Pay TV, Specialty Programming, SRDU (Cancom), STV and MDS subscriber revenue
3. Other licensed services; and
4. Revenues received from exempted cable undertakings

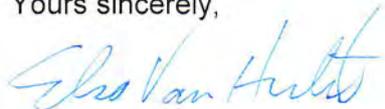
It is the **total** of these four amounts that is entered into the CRTC's Licensing Receivable System for each undertaking (i.e. disaggregated data by revenue type is not entered into the system). This total amount represents the total revenue subject to licence fees. In order to respond to your information need, we would have to retrieve thousands of licence return fee files and calculate the total basic revenues.

Please be advised that you are entitled to bring a complaint to the Information Commissioner within 60 days of the date of this letter. Notice of complaints should be addressed to the:

Information Commissioner  
112 Kent Street, 22<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Ottawa (Ontario) K1A 1H3

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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Elsa Van Hulst". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'E'.

Elsa Van Hulst  
ATIP Coordinator