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**Topic: ABC Media Managers**

**Senator McGrath, James asked:**

**Mr Scott:** ...So, of course, we have managers. One of the reasons we have—

**Senator McGRATH:** How many would you have?

**Mr Scott:** I will have to take that on notice, but I think it is a pretty efficient and focused operation. Could I say, as a former journalist and someone who used to work on the newsroom, that it is an old tradition of journalists to roll their eyes about how many managers there are. As someone who was then a manager of journalists, journalists have no idea of the complexity of managing journalists and reviewing content and editorial decision-making processes. There has always been that debate and that discussion; that is not new. But we have levels of news management because we run a big and complex news operation not only in terms of output but also in terms of geography and footprint in our capital cities, here in Canberra, in regional offices and around the world.

**Answer:**

The ABC News Division employs 16 managers, including the Director of News who sits on the ABC Executive, 6 members of the News executive and 9 senior managers. They manage resources television and radio news, finance, training, operational resources and strategic planning.

In addition, there are 44 managers classified as national news editors, state news editors and individual program executive producers.