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Topic: The content review

Senator Hanson-Young, Sarah asked:

The Turnbull Government has released terms of reference for a review into Australian and children's screen content.

- (a) How many people in ACMA are working on the review?
- (b) What level is the person running the review out of ACMA?

Answer:

The review is being conducted jointly by the Department of Communications and the Arts (the Department), the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) and Screen Australia. In practice the review is being oversighted by Mr Richard Eccles, Deputy Secretary Content Arts and Strategy in the Department and project managed by Mr George Sotiropoulos, Assistant Secretary Classification Branch also of the Department who has a project team working to him.

The review has a steering committee comprised of at least one representative from each agency. All representatives on the steering committee are SES 2 level and above.

The ACMA has a policy team contributing to the review that will be liaising closely with the Department and Screen Australia. This is headed up by an EL2 officer who reports directly to an SES 1 Executive Branch manager. A small team of ACMA policy officers – equivalent to two full time equivalent staff is available to work on the review.