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Topic: Diversity

Senator Bilyk, Catryna asked:

1. Screen Australia's recent milestone study of diversity in Australia television drama – "*Seeing Ourselves: Reflections on diversity in Australian TV drama*" - revealed some progress and some shortfalls in representation. What steps are being taken to implement the proposals contained in the report to address the under representations revealed?
2. What organisations funded by Screen Australia have diversity and/or disability action plans in place and, for those that don't, what steps are being taken to put these plans in place?

Answer:

1. The report did not make any recommendations. It was a benchmark study to determine current levels of diversity in Australian TV drama through analysis of the main characters in five years' worth of programs. The study also drew on a series of survey and face to face consultations to explore the challenges and opportunities involved in making TV drama more broadly representative of Australian society.
2. This information is not sought by Screen Australia as part of its funding guidelines.