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Question No. AE15/145

Senator Collins asked the following written question from the 24 February and 27 March 2015 hearings:

At Estimates on 20 November last year Mr Mason said that, apart from “some reduction in screen resource organisation funding”, there would be no cuts to any other programs. We have now received an answer to a QON which flatly denies that he made that statement. In particular \$1.1m of the cuts will have a direct on-screen effect. What programs or services will in fact be curtailed or discontinued?

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

As per Mr Mason's response on 20 November 2014, the \$1.1million savings that will have a direct on-screen effect came from Screen Australia's funding for factual programming. These reductions occurred across the entire factual programming area, and occurred at the same time as Screen Australia completed a comprehensive review of its factual programming area. See http://www.screenaustralia.gov.au/getmedia/d04148e7-192e-4db6-8687-e7d4587d878d/Glines_documentary_DraftForComment_20140616.pdf