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Topic: Four Corners – Footage for ‘*The Forgotten Children*’

Senator Hume, Jane asked:

Senator HUME: Was the material that was filmed for *Four Corners* supplied by Amnesty International and Save the Children organisation?

Ms Guthrie: I will have to take on notice where the actual footage came from. Mr Sunderland, who is our editorial director, may have some further information on the processes around the editorial coverage of that or the compliance with editorial policies around that story, but we are very confident that that story complied with our editorial policies.

Mr Sunderland: I am not in a position to tell you precisely who filmed it for the ABC and for *Four Corners*. There may be, you might appreciate, a degree of sensitivity around that but certainly the understanding I have of it from the program team is that it was filmed at their request and it was provided for them according to what they asked for. It was not physically done by them.

CHAIR: Are you saying that you are not in a position because you do not know?

Mr Sunderland: That is right. I do not know.

Answer:

The footage was not supplied by either Amnesty International or Save the Children.