



## National Gallery of Australia

**From Dr Gerard Vaughan AM**  
**Director**

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Senator Linda Reynolds  
Chair  
Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator Reynolds,

The National Gallery of Australia appeared before the Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications on 24 May 2017.

During the hearing Senator Gallagher asked me a question regarding the Modernisation Fund.

**Dr Vaughan:** 'Challenging' concerns the efficiency dividends that we have needed to take account of, and the reductions in appropriation as a result of that. As a result of the MYEFO December 2015 efficiency dividend, the total which was to come out over four years was \$3.94 million. The portfolio budget statement round in 2016-17 added to that, with a total of \$6.852 million over four years. There is, however, a mitigating aspect, which you have already heard about from other colleagues, of new funding through the government innovation program. For us that is \$1.944 million over three years.

After reading the Hansard transcript, we consider that a correction to the funding figure provided is required. The following sentence provides this correction:

**Dr Vaughan:** For us that is \$1.887 million over three years.

I trust this information will be of assistance to the Committee.

Yours sincerely,