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Topic: Modernisation fund – use of money

Senator Gallagher, Katy asked:

Senator GALLAGHER: In terms of the \$1.94 million that is being returned through the modernisation fund, does that have strings attached? What will you be using it for?

Dr Vaughan: I would have to take that on notice. There will be particular things to which it will be applied. I can come back to you on that.

Answer:

The Public Service Modernisation Fund provides a one-off funding injection to eligible entities to ensure ongoing viability of the entity, to increase the entity's sustainability in future years. The National Gallery of Australia is receiving funding of \$1.887 million over three years which will assist it to continue to develop and deliver public programs and services. As it is only available for three years, it cannot be used to fund permanent staff.