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Program 2.1

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Topic: Programs using Arts funds

Senator Bilyk, Catryna asked:

Senator BILYK: Am I able to get a year-by-year breakdown of funding to the Catalyst projects and other projects using arts funding from July 2015 to June 2021?

Dr Arnott: Let me just check my material and I will see what I can tell you. I can certainly tell you that over the course of the program since it commenced in November 2015 \$35 million over four years has been allocated to 189 projects. Regarding the amounts for 2015-16 and 2016-17, the full allocation of approximately \$12 million per annum has been committed, and over the forward estimates a further \$11.8 million has been committed.

Senator BILYK: That is all the Catalyst stuff we are talking about.

Dr Arnott: That is all Catalyst.

Senator BILYK: What about other projects using arts funding? Are you able to tell me about those?

Dr Arnott: We obviously have a number of other programs, including the Indigenous programs, Festivals Australia, Visions of Australia and so on. I do not have all of that information with me, but certainly—

Senator BILYK: You will take that on notice?

Dr Arnott: Certainly we would spend the full appropriation for each of those programs each financial year.

Senator BILYK: Can you take on notice to provide the year-by-year breakdown of those other programs for me as well?

Dr Arnott: Yes.

Answer:

Details of all Catalyst funded projects are published on the Department of Communications and the Arts website – refer to the links below.

www.communications.gov.au/documents/grant-reporting-2016-17-arts-division

www.communications.gov.au/documents/grant-reporting--arts-division--1july2014-to-30june2016

All other programs funded by the Department's *Program 2.1 Arts and Cultural Development* are also published on its website – refer to the links above.