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Topic: Opera area - Meetings

Senator Bilyk, Catryna asked:

Senator BILYK: Besides the four mentioned, who else in the opera area have you met with?

Senator FIFIELD: I will take that on notice.

Senator BILYK: I do not actually want access to your diary, but if you could give me the dates as well while you are looking into it.

Senator FIFIELD: Where that is possible. Not all discussions that I have are diarised or minuted. There are phone calls and you see people at events. We will provide what we can.

Senator BILYK: Thank you.

Answer:

Discussions with the Australia Council have been ongoing since the release of the National Opera Review Final Report. The Australia Council, as the contract managers for the four major opera companies and the small to medium organisations, is engaging with key stakeholders in the opera sector.

In addition, the Minister met with Co-Opera on Friday 20 January 2017, with Victorian Opera on Thursday 18 August 2016 and the Opera Studio on Wednesday 16 December 2015.