

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

Additional Estimates Spill-Over Hearing March 2017

Communications Portfolio

Department of Communications and the Arts

Question No: 275

Program 2.1

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Topic: Catalyst

Senator Bilyk, Catryna asked:

1. Provide an update of the number of applications for Catalyst has been received in each year of the program to date and how many applications and how much funding has been approved in each year of the program, breaking that down year by year for multi-year funding?
2. What percentage of recipients from this fund has also received funding in the past from the Australia Council?
3. How many assessors have been used from the people listed as assessors on the independent register?
4. Have any assessors been added or deleted from the register since October 2016? If so, why?
5. How much money has been expended and committed in assessor fees since the inception of the program?

Answer:

1. Catalyst—*Australian Arts and Culture Fund* received and funded the following applications:

	Applications received	Applications approved	Funding Approved
Financial Year 2015/16	290	125	\$11,900,000.01
Financial Year 2016/17	670	64	\$11,740,000.00
Financial Year 2017/18			\$ 6,511,866.70
Financial Year 2018/19			\$ 3,747,474.00
Financial Year 2019/20			\$ 1,555,659.00
Total	960	189	\$35,454,999.71

2. 51% of applicants have received Council funding for other activities since Catalyst commenced.
3. 76 of the 393 registered independent assessors have been selected to assess Catalyst applications.
4. 11 assessors have been added to the register since October 2016. No assessors have been deleted.
5. The Department has expended \$82,895 in fees on Catalyst assessors since the inception of the program.