

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**

**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**

**Budget Estimates May 2017**

**Communications Portfolio**

**Australia Council for the Arts**

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**Australia Council**

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**Topic: Catalyst 2018-19**

**Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:**

**Mr Grybowski:** The figure for 2017-18 is—again, as I think I said at the last hearing—approximately \$3 million, and then that ramps up over the four years as the contracts conclude. But, again, in the 2017-18 year there will be the commitments made in Catalyst's sixth round.

**Senator URQUHART:** For 2017-18 it is approximately \$3 million. Is that right?

**Mr Grybowski:** That is the gross figure. Out of that will come the next round of Catalyst.

**Senator URQUHART:** You do not have 2018-19?

**Mr Grybowski:** No.

**Senator URQUHART:** Because that is dependent on the—

**Mr Grybowski:** That is correct. The council meets next week and will be considering its budget for the year then.

**Senator URQUHART:** Will that be one of the considerations next week?

**Mr Grybowski:** Yes, our overall budget allocation will be.

**Senator URQUHART:** Can you take that question on notice and provide that further information.

**Answer:**

Due to the phased nature of funding commitments, estimated additional funding available through Council's grants programs in the 2017-18 financial year following the return of funding from the Department is approximately \$2.9 million. In 2018-19 estimated additional funding available through Council's grants program would be approximately \$5.3 million. Both these estimated amounts are subject to and will be reduced by final outcomes of the sixth round of the Catalyst program, when these are known.