

**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: Live Music Office**

**Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:**

**Senator URQUHART:** Are there any plans to support the important and successful work of that office beyond the current year? Or is that just reliant on the submission if they make one?

**Mr Grybowski:** Correct.

**Senator URQUHART:** How is it confirmed whether a submission has been successful or not?

**Mr Grybowski:** For their applications in the past, I would have to take that on notice.

**Answer:**

The National Live Music Office (NLMO) was established in 2013 with Australian Government support of \$560,000 for the period 2014 – 2016. The funding contract was administered by the Australia Council and delivery of the project was managed by the Australasian Performing Right Association (APRA). Funding for the NLMO under the initial arrangement concluded in December 2016.

APRA successfully applied to Australia Council for 2017 operational funding for the NLMO through the Council's Arts Projects for Organisations category and received \$100,000, which is the maximum amount available through that category. This funding covers the period to December 2017. The NLMO does not exist as a separately constituted organisation. As such, all applications for funding must be submitted by APRA.

APRA separately applied for funding for Sounds Australia through the Australia Council's multi-year organisational funding program, Four Year Funding for Organisations, for the period 2017 – 2020. APRA were successful in requesting \$300,000 per annum, the maximum amount available through that category. Under the Australia Council's current policies, multi-year funded organisations are unable to apply for further grants during the course of their four year funding agreement. This means that APRA will be unable to apply for further funding to support the NLMO from 2018 to 2020. The Australia Council regularly reviews its policies regarding funding eligibility.