

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**

**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**

**Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearings October 2015**

**Communications Portfolio**

**Department of Communications and the Arts**

**Question No: 47**

**Program 2.1**

**Hansard Ref: Written, 30/10/2015**

**Topic: Assessors**

**Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:**

1. The Ministry website has invited applications as Independent Assessors.
  - (a) How many applications have been received?
  - (b) How many have been appointed?
  - (c) When was the first application received?
2. Applicants are to be notified within 25 business days whether they have been appointed. Has anyone yet been notified?
3. The list of names of current assessors will appear on the Ministry website – when will that list be published?
4. As well as people involved professionally in the arts, other people will be considered as assessors.
  - (a) How will those people be selected?
  - (b) What criteria will be used?

**Answer:**

1.
  - (a) 343 Expressions of Interest have been received from members of the public.
  - (b) As at 12 November 2015 301 Assessors have been placed on the Ministry's Register of Independent Assessors
  - (c) 8 August 2015 at 10:58am
2. Yes.

All individuals lodging Expressions of Interest have been notified of the outcome by email within 25 business days of their Expression of Interest being lodged. They are then required to sign an Assessor's Agreement before they can be placed on the Register.
3. The list is likely to be published when Catalyst – Australian Arts and Culture Fund opens.
4.
  - (a) These people will be selected against the considerations outlined at 4(b).
  - (b) We will consider Expressions of Interest based on interest, experience and participation in: the arts sector as an audience member or community member; and/or business administration, corporate governance and marketing; and/or fundraising, sponsorship and philanthropy.