

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**  
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**Question No: 62**

**National Library of Australia**

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**Topic: Governance**

**Senator Xenophon, Nick asked:**

What Act of Parliament governs access to materials stored with the NLA?

**Answer:**

General public access to collections in the National Library of Australia, other than Commonwealth records to which access is managed in accordance with the *Archives Act 1983*, is subject to the *National Library Act 1960*. The National Library Act does not specify when and under what conditions collections are made accessible, vesting such decisions in the Council of the National Library of Australia.