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Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

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Communications Portfolio

Department of Communications and the Arts

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Topic: Live Music Office

Senator Bilyk, Catryna asked:

1. What steps are being taken to assist the Live Music Office to supplement the project funding from the Australia Council for 2017 to continue to provide its full suite of services, and to assist the Office to continue beyond the 2017 year?
2. What steps are being taken, including consultations with other levels of government, to increase support for the presentation of live music in Australia in light of pressure on other revenue streams for artists?

Answer:

1. The Australia Council has awarded \$100,000 for the Live Music Office to continue operations into 2017. The Live Music Office is eligible to apply for funding through the Catalyst – Arts and Culture Fund and Australia Council project funding for organisations.
2. The National Live Music Office was established through funding of \$560,000 over three years from the Australian Government and were tasked with a specific set of deliverables over 2013-2016. The Office has successfully delivered across this strategic framework including the development of resources that could be rolled out at a local council/state government level. The key pressures affecting the presentation of live music are the result of regulation and implementation of regulation at a local level and the Live Music Office is encouraged to seek funding at a local level to complement Australian Government funding.