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Communications Portfolio
Department of Communications and the Arts

Question No: 55

Program 2.1

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Topic: Arts - Inquiry – Broadcasting, online content and live production to Rural and Regional Australia report

Senator Bilyk, Catryna asked:

REPORT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS AND THE ARTS, INQUIRY INTO BROADCASTING, ONLINE CONTENT AND LIVE PRODUCTION TO RURAL AND REGIONAL AUSTRALIA tabled 5 May 2016.

1. When will the Government provide a response to the report?
2. What advice, preliminary or otherwise, been provided by the Department to the Minister on the report?
3. Has the report been taken into account in the management of the Catalyst program?

Answer:

1. The Australian Government will provide a response to the report in due course.
2. The Department is yet to provide advice to the Minister for Communications and the Arts, Senator the Hon Mitch Fifield on the report.
3. Catalyst has provided funding of approximately \$26 million over four years to 144 projects since it commenced. Over 53 per cent of Australian activities funded will be held in regional and remote areas.