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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio Office for the Arts

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Senator HUMPHRIES—We will wait with bated breath to see what comes out of that.

Can you tell me about progress with the resale royalties scheme? How many qualifying sales have there been under the scheme to date?

Mr Eccles—At 31 January there had been 467 qualifying resales of artwork.

Senator HUMPHRIES—How many artists have received a royalty? Is it 467?

Mr Eccles—I am not sure whether or not there might be some artists that have multiple pieces.

Ms Bean—It would be close to that, but it is not necessarily one piece.

Senator HUMPHRIES—If you can take that on notice it would be useful.

Answer: From the beginning of the resale royalty scheme to 31 January 2011, 467 artworks have qualified for resale royalty.

These 467 artworks were made by 210 artists.

At 31 January 2011, 42 artists had received royalty payments for 120 resales.