

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

Group 1

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Question No. 13

Senator asked the following question at the hearing on 24 February 2014:

CHAIR: Mr Wilkins, thank you for taking it on notice, but did you subsume the budgets of the agencies or the Office of the Arts that happened before the administrative arrangements changed? Are you the one to ask?

Mr Wilkins: Yes, I think that is legitimate. I am now responsible for what would have been the budgets at that point in time.

CHAIR: I would be interested to know whether the department did anything—I suspect not. I have heard that some of the arts agencies had parties—that I was not invited to. I would be interested to know whether any noticeable taxpayer money was spent on that.

Senator Brandis: We will take that on notice.

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

Please refer to the response provided to Question 12.

