

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

Group 1

Program 2.1

Question No. 110

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

Survey of Government Initiatives in your last Annual Report (pp31-33) – eg Major Festivals, Regional Touring etc – how are these programs tracking this year? Have there been any changes, additions, deletions to these programs? How do you see them proceeding in the coming year?

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

The Government Initiatives outlined on pages 31-33 of the Australia Council 2012-13 Annual Report are tracking well this year. The only change to note is that, since gaining responsibility for the Regional Touring Programs, the Australia Council has streamlined the application processes for the benefit of artists and arts organisations. The Australia Council has also changed the name to 'National Regional Programs'. With regard to the coming year, the Australia Council will continue to implement these programs according to Government priorities.