

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

**Group 1**

**Program 2.1**

**Question No. 161**

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

- 1) The Cultural Gifts Program received 590 applications (down from 660) and approved donations worth \$49m, down \$9m (15.5%) from previous year. What was the reason for this decline?
- 2) What steps are being taken to arrest the decline in donations?

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

- 1) The number of applications to the Cultural Gifts Program (CGP) fluctuates each year and is reflective of a range of circumstances including changes within the Australian art market, changes in institutional acquisition policies, and donor behaviour.
- 2) The Ministry for the Arts provides information about the CGP on its website, and promotes the program through its existing stakeholder network, and will continue to do so.