

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

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**Question No. AE15/136**

**Senator Collins asked the following written question from the 24 February and 27 March 2015 hearings:**

Answers to QoNs state that the Ministry is working with state and territory bodies to identify options for continuing the collection of core cultural data. What is meant by "core cultural data"? What options have been identified?

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

The Meeting of Cultural Ministers Officials Working Group identified the core cultural data sets as those critical to governments and arts organisations for informing policy and decision making in relation to participation in and development and funding of the arts and culture in Australia.

The core cultural data sets are:

- The Adults' and Children's Participation in Cultural Activities survey;
- The Cultural Funding by Government Survey; and
- State and territory profiles.

In examining options for the continued collection of these data sets within the remaining funding contributed by the Australian Government and the state and territory governments, the Working Group has considered options such as combining separate surveys (such as the Adults' and Children's Participation surveys), conducting surveys less frequently and redesigning the surveys to make them shorter and more targeted.