

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

**Group: 2**

**Program: Other Agency**

**Question No. AE15/139**

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

1. What was the number of full time equivalent positions in the Australia Council on
  - 7 September 2013
  - 30 June 2014
  - 1 April 2015
2. What functions are now not being performed as a result of staff reductions over the past 18 months?

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

1. The full time equivalent positions at the Australia Council on these three dates were:

<b>As at Date</b>	<b>Full time equivalent positions</b>
7 September 2013	132.1
30 June 2014	132.1
1 April 2015	127.2

2. The implementation of Australia Council's strategic and corporate plan includes new arrangements for the delivery of grants to artists and arts organisations, and a range of new project based initiatives. Subsequently, a whole of organisation review and restructure was conducted from July to December 2014, with effect from January 2015.

Operational functions were centralised, a new division of Arts Strategy was created and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts area was integrated into the Office of the CEO and across the organisation. The Australia Council still performs all its key functions but is organised under a different structure.