

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

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Question: BE14/074

Senator Singh asked the following question at the hearing on 26-29 May 2014:

National Portrait Gallery, National Gallery, National Library, Old Parliament House, National Film and Sound Archive, National Museum, National Archives

1. What consultation had taken place with the Ministry about this measure prior to the Budget announcement?
2. What consultation has taken place with the other institutions about this proposal before or after the announcement of the Budget?
3. What costs will be involved in implementing this proposal?
4. What savings do you envisage will be made for your institution from this proposal?
5. What job losses will be incurred as a result of this measure?

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

1. The Ministry for the Arts is part of the Attorney-General's Department.
2. A governance board with representation from each agency and AGD, and a steering committee made up of chief finance officers from each agency, have been established to oversee the implementation of the measure.
3. Funding of \$1 million for implementation costs for 2014-15 was provided in the Budget.
4. As identified in the Budget Papers, combined savings of \$2.4 million over the period of the forward estimates are expected to be realised. This is net of funding provided for implementation costs of \$1 million.
5. The department is unable to provide a forecast at this time.