

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Topic: Nitrate containers

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Question:

Senator HUMPHRIES: ... We have previously discussed the question of the storage requirements of the archive and particularly storage requirements for nitrate film. What is the current state of play with that storage challenge?

Ms Landrigan: ... On the nitrate side, we already have the bunker and we have two nitrate containers which we have recently refurbished, but we also just purchased an additional container that we will fit for nitrate. We are fairly confident we have nitrate under control—if you are calling ‘in containers’ under control. We are satisfied that that material is safe and not deteriorating further once in those containers.

Senator HUMPHRIES: How many films can each container hold?

Ms Landrigan: I do not have that answer. Can we take that on notice?

Answer:

The two existing containers are able to hold up to 1,200 cans of film each and the new container is able to hold up to 2,500 cans of film.