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RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**Questions on Notice Paper No 02****7 February 2025****Question No. 148**

JAMES MILLIGAN MLA: To ask the Minister Business, Arts and Creative Industries

1. What processes are currently in place to ensure that artistic productions in ACT Government arts facilities are not offensive to identified groups in the ACT, and reflect the values of the ACT Government.
2. What processes are currently in place to review artistic productions in ACT Government arts facilities for approval to use the logo 'Supported by the ACT Government' in their promotion.
3. Does the ACT Government consult with officially recognised ACT religious, cultural and ethnic organisations regarding ACT Government sponsored events and productions that may cause potential distress or offence to such organisations.

MICHAEL PETERSSON MLA - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

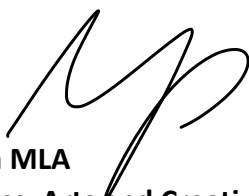
1. Programs under the ACT Arts Fund have defined eligibility criteria and assessment processes that require organisations and individuals seeking funding to demonstrate that their activities align with the strategies and focus areas outlined in [Canberra: Australia's Arts Capital – Arts, Culture and Creative Policy 2022-2026](#). The focus areas include investing in arts venues and precincts that support quality, engaging and innovative art that is accessible to all and supporting arts practices that reflect Canberra's diverse community.

All grants delivered through the ACT Arts Fund are subject to a Deed of Grant which defines the funded activity and requires recipients to comply with the laws in force in the Territory in performing the funded activity. A grant may be terminated if a recipient is in breach of the Deed of Grant.

In addition, arts organisations and arts centres are independent organisations, decisions relating to programming are for the organisation's staff and board and are made at arms-length from the ACT Government. artsACT maintains regular contact, encourages mutual communication and provides regular advice to arts organisations and centres who receive funding, including expectations on providing an environment that is inclusive, safe and welcoming to all.

2. The Deeds of Grant include requirements for acknowledgement of ACT Government funding. Where arts organisations or arts centres receive funding to support operational costs the acknowledgement of funding may be across a range of material including promotional, signage or other publicity material, newsletters, websites and stationery including letterhead. This acknowledgement may not pertain to all activities undertaken. For example, an event not in receipt of ACT Government funding but is held at an ACT arts centre may be promoted through the centre's newsletter which includes the ACT Government logo.
3. artsACT does not regularly consult with specific religious, cultural and ethnic organisations regarding arts funding.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.



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