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Member for Yerrabi

RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Question No. 133

JO CLAY MLA: To ask the Minister for Business, Arts and Creative Industries

1. What is the current budget in total for the arts.
2. Of the funding referred to in part (1), how much is allocated to spend on (a) capital works, (b) program funding for arts centres, (c) program funding for arts organisations, (d) grant funding and (e) any other types of funding.
3. For each of the allocation referred to in part (2), will these budget allocations be indexed into the future; if so, on what methodology.

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

1. The budget for the arts within Economic Development is outlined in Table 9: Output Class 3: Economic Development Functional Expenditure (page 24) in the [2024-25 Budget Statements B, Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate \(CMTEDD\) together with associated agencies](#). The 2024-25 budget of \$22.284 million includes ACT Arts Fund, repairs and maintenance for arts facilities and the public art collection as well as artsACT operational expenses including staffing.
- 2.(a) In addition to the 2024-25 Budget Statements, the ACT Government's Infrastructure Investment Program can be found at www.treasury.act.gov.au/budget/budget-2024-25/budget-papers/infrastructure-investment-program. It includes a searchable database that enables easy identification of arts and culture capital works programs across directorates and agencies, and over the forward estimates. The capital works budget as outlined in the 2024-25 Budget Statements for arts community facilities and public art projects is \$6.057 million.
- 2.(b) Multiyear funding through the Arts Organisation Investment Program to eight organisations to operate arts centres and deliver programs is approximately \$5 million per annum. Details on this funding can be found on artsACT's [website](#). Arts funding is also listed in the CMTEDD [Annual Report](#) each year.

- 2.(c) Multiyear funding through the Arts Organisation Investment Program to 21 arts organisations is approximately \$4 million per annum. Details on this funding can be found on artsACT's [website](#) . Arts funding is also listed in the CMTEDD [Annual Report](#) each year.
- 2.(d) The current available budget in the ACT Arts Fund for grant funding through the Arts Activities categories, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Arts Program, ANU Outreach Program, Arts Law Funding and Regional Arts Fund is approximately \$1.83 million.
- 2.(e) The current available budget for the ACT Book of the Year is \$17,000.
3. Indexation arrangements are considered each year in Budget and Budget Review, including any indexation received through the ACT Arts Fund which is passed on through the various programs.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.



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