



Inquiry into Appropriation Bill 2026–2027 and Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2026–2027

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Ms Jo Clay MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Arts, Creative Industries and the Night-Time Economy

In relation to: artsACT and Funding - WildBear Entertainment

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Mr Michael Pettersson MLA took on notice the following question(s):

MS CLAY: Yes, sure. And I am wondering, maybe on notice, can you take a breakdown of the government funding through Screen Canberra that is directed to WildBear Entertainment versus the percentage of Screen Canberra funding that goes to other screen and film businesses and activities in Canberra?

THE CHAIR: Ms Clay, last question.

MS CLAY: Yes. Is that something we can get on notice?

Mr Pettersson: Well, we can definitely do that. If there is any more detail you want in that question on notice though, feel free to let us know now. Just about WildBear?

MS CLAY: Actually, what would be great is a detailed breakdown of what the Screen Canberra funding is. Yes, that would be great.

Ms Starick: Can I just ask, over what period?

MS CLAY: In the 26-27 budget. Maybe 25-26, 26-27. Thank you.

Mr Michael Pettersson MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

1. Wildbear Entertainment received approximately 34per cent of the total Screen and Games Fund (SGF) funding in 2025-26 across three documentary projects. This was through the first round of the SGF, which closed in January 2026.
2. The second round of the SGF will open for applications in early 2027 with funding available from 1 July 2027.
3. Screen Canberra Funding:

Purpose	Financial Year	GST Exclusive Amount
Base Funding	2025-26	\$573,000
Screen and Games Fund – Administration	2025-26	\$150,000
Screen and Games Fund – Project Funds	2025-26	\$1,100,000
Base Funding	2026-27	\$591,000,000
Screen and Games Fund – Administration	2026-27	\$150,000
Screen and Games Fund – Project Funds	2027-28	\$1,100,000

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By the Minister for Arts, Creative Industries and the Night-Time Economy, Michael Pettersson MLA