



Ms Sandra Lilburn
Secretary
Standing Committee on Education, Training and Youth Affairs
ACT Legislative Assembly
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Dear Ms Lilburn

I am writing in response to your letter dated 20 February 2009 to Mr Jon Stanhope, Minister for Arts and Heritage, in which you requested any corrections to the proof copy of the transcript of the evidence presented at the public hearing of the Standing Committee on Education, Training and Youth Affairs into Annual and Financial Reports (Arts portfolio) held on Tuesday 17 February 2009.

In reading the transcript I have noted that in response to a question from Mr Jèremy Hanson MLA I inadvertently quoted financial information from the financial year previous to the one Mr Hanson actually referred to in his question.

On page 5 of the transcript Mr Hanson asked:

My question relates to the per cent for art scheme. Could you tell us how much we have allocated in the 2008-09 budget for that, and are we on track to expend that money?

On page 5 of the transcript my response was:

That amount is a total of \$991,887 allocated from the per cent for art scheme, and \$104,000 from a second appropriation.

The figures in my response were actually from the 2007-08 Budget, ie from the reporting period of the Chief Minister's Department Annual Report under discussion by the Committee, as I thought this was the timeframe Mr Hanson referred to in his question.

The 2008-09 Percent-for-Art Scheme financial allocation is as follows:

In 2008-09, \$2.3m Capital has been allocated.

I would appreciate if this information could be brought to the attention of Committee members, and I apologise for any confusion on the matter.

Please contact me on 6207 2389 if you wish to discuss or require any further information.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Whitney', with a stylized flourish at the end.

David Whitney
Director
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