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SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2023-2024

Mr Mark Parton MLA (Chair), Ms Jo Clay MLA (Deputy Chair),
Mr Michael Pettersson MLA

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Ms Jo Clay MLA: To ask the Minister for Arts

Ref:

Hearing Date: 24/07/23

In relation to: Transparency of Arts Funding

In the *2021-2026 Canberra: Australia's Arts Capital a statement of ambition*, you committed to transparency of funding for the art.

Page 6 states: "This new model will meet the changing needs of the ACT, to reset the arts sector, and to increase vibrancy, relevance, and sustainability. This model will have a focus on **transparency and accountability**" [my emphasis]

Can you please provide a clear and transparent reconciliation between the funding listed in Appendix A of the Statement of Ambition 2021-2026, (<https://www.arts.act.gov.au/policy/statement-of-ambition/current-arts-expenditure>) and the Arts, Culture and Creative Funding at a Glance (as at 27 June 2023) update: (<https://www.arts.act.gov.au/funding/arts,-cultural-and-creative-funding-at-a-glance>)

Please indicate:

- (1) Where the funding is the same money in both documents;
- (2) Where funding is newly committed in the 2023-24 Budget;
- (3) Where line item titles/descriptions have changed;
- (4) Where line items have been combined;
- (5) Where line items have been split;
- (6) Which line items are being counted to give the figures in the 2023-24

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- (a) "The 2023–24 Budget provides more than \$184 million in new funding for community infrastructure, venues and events that promote arts and culture."
- (b) "\$600m over the five years to 2027–28 600m for community infrastructure, venues and arts"

Mr Chris Steel MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –

The *2021-2026 Canberra: Australia's Arts Capital a statement of ambition* commits to a new ACT arts organisational funding model that will have a focus on transparency and accountability.

The [ACT Arts Organisation Investment Framework](#) was released on 28 July 2022, and funding to 29 organisations, totalling over \$9 million, was announced on 9 November 2022 and can be found at www.arts.act.gov.au/funding/current-funding-recipients.

(1) The following major projects are being delivered over multiple years, and the amounts of funding are reflected in both the 2021-22 Arts Expenditure on a page and the Arts, Cultural and Creative Funding at a Glance (as at 27 June 2023) web page:

- \$200,000 for Public Art for and by women and/or non-binary individuals (Public Art Commission celebrating the Hon Susan Ryan AO)
- \$78 million for Kingston Arts Precinct
- \$2 million for Tuggeranong Arts Centre Theatre upgrades
- \$1.67 million for Upgrading Local Arts Facilities
- \$750,000 for Holocaust Museum and Education Centre
- \$839,400 investment in a new state-of-the art Sound Stage and Virtual Production Studio - to attract high quality screen productions and build local capability
- \$5 million CBR Screen Fund
- \$1.575 million Screen Canberra capacity
- \$500,000 from Location Incentive Scheme (Canberra Screen Attraction Fund).

(2) The 2023-24 Budget committed to the following new initiatives, which were included in the Arts, Cultural and Creative Funding at a Glance:

- \$300,000 for a New Public Art commission to celebrate a significant woman or gender diverse/nonbinary
- \$494,000 for transforming the Canberra Museum and Gallery and developing Canberra Theatre Centre technicians
- \$423,000 for transforming the Canberra Museum and Gallery and developing Canberra Theatre Centre technicians (capital funding).

(3) Minor description changes have been made, please refer to the below table:

2021-22 Arts Expenditure on a page	Arts, Cultural and Creative Funding at a Glance
Public Art for and by women and/or non-binary individuals	Public Art commission celebrating the Hon Susan Ryan AO
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Engagement	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Arts Program
Location Incentive Scheme	Canberra Screen Attraction Fund
Sound Stage and Virtual Production Studio	Investment in a new state-of-the art Sound Stage and Virtual Production Studio - to attract high quality screen productions and build local capability

- (4) With the implementation of the ACT Arts Organisation Framework, funding to arts organisations has been streamlined. As a result, the below line items in the 2021-22 Arts Expenditure on a page have been incorporated in the Arts Centre and Arts Organisation Investment Funding line items, and Australian National University line item in the Arts, Cultural and Creative Funding at a Glance webpage:

- Community Outreach Program
- Pop-Ups arts events and activities
- Visual Arts and Craft Strategy
- Design Canberra.

The Screen Arts Fund is no longer being delivered by Screen Canberra as a separate activity. Instead, the Arts Activities grants delivered by artsACT now allow screen and games applications. Although it is not delivering the Screen Arts Fund, Screen Canberra is receiving \$150,000 through the Arts Organisation Investment Funding to deliver professional development programs and opportunities for local screen practitioners.

- (5) In the Arts, Cultural and Creative Funding at a Glance the following line items have been split for clarity:
- Kingston Arts Precinct has been split into capital and operational lines.
- (6) The Arts, Cultural and Creative Funding at a Glance webpage was developed with input from business units across Government that identified to artsACT the existence of funding for arts, cultural and creative activities, including initiatives supported through operational budgets. It was not drawn from the 2023-24 Budget Papers and therefore does not count towards the figures in the 2023-24 Budget at a Glance.

The Arts, Cultural and Creative Funding at a Glance webpage will be updated periodically as artsACT is informed of funding committed to arts, cultural and creative initiatives.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2023-2024

Signature:



Date:

15/8/23

By the A/g Minister for the Arts, Chris Steel MLA