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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE  
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Asked by: Ms Jo Clay MLA

Addressed to: Treasurer

Redirected to: Minister Cheyne - CMTEDD Economic Development

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In relation to: Arts sector indexation

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**MS CLAY:** I might direct to the specific. So with the arts sector, they did not get their indexation until halfway through the year, so they effectively got half as much indexation. Like it kicked in in June. Did you want to take that on notice, as to why that was acceptable for the arts sector?

**Mr Barr:** Well I think indexation is paid at the start of a financial year. So—

**Mr Hocking:** I am not aware of that.

**Mr Barr:** But we will—

**MS CLAY:** Can you take that on notice?

**Mr Barr:** Sure, yes.

**MS CLAY:** Thank you.

**Tara Cheyne MLA:** The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

In October 2022, the Government announced from 2023 over \$9 million per year will be provided to 29 Canberra arts and cultural organisations and arts centres under the new Arts Organisation Investment Program. This included the additional funding committed in the 2022-23 Budget of over \$3 million over the next four years. As funding is provided to arts organisations on a calendar year

basis, indexation received for the ACT Arts Fund in 2023-24 was incorporated into the base funding provided to the organisations in 2023.

The funding deeds provided to arts organisations state that indexation will be payable from 2024 if available, and to be determined by the Territory. For 2024-25 indexation of 2.5 per cent was applied to recurrent funding received for the ACT Arts Fund. As such 2.5 per cent indexation was calculated against each arts organisation's annual base funding and provided in full in their 31 July 2024 instalment.

In addition, the 2024-25 Budget Initiative funding of \$200,000 to arts organisations will also be provided in the July instalment. This is calculated as approximately a 2.24 per cent increase on each organisation's base funding. With this one-off funding and indexation, arts organisations will receive an increase from their base funding totalling \$422,924 in 2024-25.

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By the Minister for the Arts, Culture and the Creative Economy, Tara Cheyne MLA