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Question to the Minister for the Arts and Heritage –

In relation to support for artists –

1. What additional support does the Government give to artists, given that they give a lot to the community, but often have a fluctuating income? For example, they may not qualify for public housing because of the strict way income calculations are made.
2. Has the Government ever considered an artists stipend as occurs in the Netherlands?

Mr Stanhope: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

1. The ACT Government is responsible for providing realistic and strategic support of the arts, which it does through its various programs such as the ACT Arts Fund, the development and maintenance of arts facilities, and other areas of support such as providing financial assistance to the ACT office of the Australian Business Arts Foundation.
2. No, although elements of the stipend approach in the Netherlands is similar to the ACT Creative Arts Fellowships. However, the current Review of the Arts in Canberra is considering a range of options for supporting artists in the ACT.

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