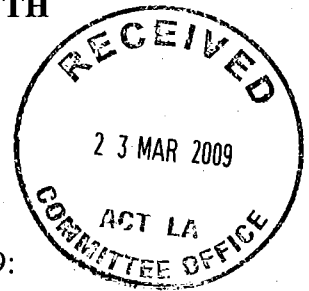


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QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

17 FEBRUARY 2009



Ms Dunne - Asked the Minister for the Arts upon notice on 17 February 2009:

How much money was taken out of Canberra Arts Marketing and how was it redistributed among the Key Arts Organisations?

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

Canberra Arts Marketing Inc received \$115,000 from the ACT Arts Fund for the 2008 calendar year.

The total Arts Fund budget for 2009 was \$4,899,000. This included an increase of \$418,000 from 2008 due to increases in budget allocation from the ACT Government and a CPI increase.

The ACT Government's 'Developing Arts Audiences in the ACT – Strategic Directions Statement 2008-2010', places a priority on building capacity in Key Arts Organisations to strategically market their programs. Consistent with the Strategy, the ACT Cultural Council advised that additional support be provided to Key Arts Organisations for core operating costs including for audience development and marketing.

The increase was distributed to a number of Key Arts Organisations via additional funding through the 2009 Arts Fund: ACT Filmmakers Network (\$20,500), ACT Community Arts Office (\$88,000); Canberra Youth Theatre (\$67,000); Canberra Symphony Orchestra (\$30,000); Canberra Potters Society (\$15,500) Jigsaw Theatre Company (\$36,000); Music for Everyone (\$26,000); and The Street Theatre (\$144,500), as well as additional funding to the program, project and Community Arts funding categories.

Approved for circulation to the Committee.

Jon Stanhope MLA
Minister for the Arts and Heritage

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