



Inquiry into Appropriation Bill 2026–2027 and Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2026–2027

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Ms Leanne Castley MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Arts, Creative Industries and the Night-Time Economy

In relation to: artsACT and MusicACT - Funding

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Ms Teresa Comacchio took on notice the following question(s):

MS CASTLEY: So I am just wondering, how long with the—let's start with the MusicACT website. How much money has been put into that and how long has it taken to build to the point that we can see it today?

Ms Comacchio: You are talking about MusicACT's website? We do not have any involvement with the development of their website. MusicACT is a funded organisation under the Arts Organisation Investment Program.

MS CASTLEY: And how much did they get to build the website?

Ms Comacchio: I will have to take that on notice because I am not sure that they were provided any funding to develop their website. I would have to check.

MS CASTLEY: So how much money does the government give MusicACT?

Ms Comacchio: Can I take that on notice?

MS CASTLEY: Yes, sure. And their KPIs for what is required, what the government have asked them to do with the money you have given them. Obviously, a website was part of it.

Ms Comacchio: For their funding and KPIs. Can I take that on notice to bring back to you?

MS CASTLEY: And so then, yes, I would love to know what feedback they have received with regard to the website, how many hits they get? Because it basically just seems like an online spreadsheet. There is no live links. The legal link sends you to Legal Aid. It is just there are other better tools existing in the ACT and have not gotten any great funding and I am wondering how MusicACT is held to account for the money that they are given.

Ms Comacchio: Okay. All right.

Ms Comacchio: Ms Castley, I have just confirmed the amount that MusicACT receive in the current funding round, which is from 2023 to 2026, which is \$125,000 annually, and that is to deliver professional development programs and services for contemporary musicians and bands. There is nothing specifically in that agreement around their website.

MS CASTLEY: I am wondering if you are able to go back and ask them about previous years, maybe it was something that they were asked to do a few years ago.

Ms Comacchio: Yes.

Mr Michael Pettersson MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

MusicACT is currently funded under the Arts Organisations Investment Program to deliver professional development programs and services for contemporary musicians and bands. They are required to report on the delivery of those programs in accordance with their funding agreement. No specific ACT Government funding was provided for the development or maintenance of a website.

MusicACT has advised that the most recent significant update to its website was the addition of the artist directory in 2022.

According to information provided by MusicACT, the Artist Directory recorded 432 page views between 7 August 2025 and 7 August 2026.

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Signature:



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By the Minister for Arts, Creative Industries and the Night-Time Economy, Michael Pettersson MLA