

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

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Communications Portfolio

Department of Communications and the Arts

Question No: 73

Program 2.1

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Topic: Ministry MYEFO

Senator Bilyk, Catriona asked:

1. How much funding was cut from the Ministry in MYEFO? Which programs will have to be discontinued or reduced? Please provide the details for each.
2. By how much will funding for each National Cultural Institution be reduced? What advice has the Ministry received from each NCI about the reduction or cessation of services that will now be necessary?
3. What advice has the Ministry provided to the Minister about the effects of the MYEFO cuts on the programs and services of each National Cultural Institution?

Answer:

1. The Ministry for the Arts' administered funding will decrease by \$9.6m over the four years from 2015-16 to 2018-19. The reduction in funding comprises:
 - \$6.0m over three years from 2015-16 to 2017-18 for ceasing the Book Council of Australia; and
 - \$3.6m over four years from 2015-16 to 2018-19 from uncommitted funds across various programmes.

In addition to the above, the Ministry for the Arts' departmental funding will decrease by \$2.0m over four years from 2015-16 to 2018-19.

2. Please refer to the table below:

Agency	2015-16 \$m	2016-17 \$m	2017-18 \$m	2018-19 \$m	Total 4 Year Saving \$m	Total 4 Year Funding (Prior to saving) \$m
Australian Film, Television and Radio School	-0.361	-0.837	-0.843	-0.850	-2.891	96.366
Australian National Maritime Museum	-0.333	-0.769	-0.770	-0.772	-2.644	88.140
National Film and Sound Archive of Australia	-0.387	-0.890	-0.897	-0.905	-3.079	102.655
National Gallery of Australia	-0.496	-1.143	-1.148	-1.153	-3.940	131.367
National Library of Australia	-1.485	-1.490	-1.495	-1.499	-5.969	198.997
National Museum of Australia	-0.622	-1.432	-1.440	-1.447	-4.941	164.693
National Portrait Gallery of Australia	-0.173	-0.398	-0.400	-0.431	-1.402	46.729
Old Parliament House	-0.207	-0.476	-0.479	-0.482	-1.644	54.818

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Screen Australia	-4.307	-2.000	-2.000	-2.000	-10.307	343.566
Total	-8.371	-9.435	-9.472	-9.539	-36.817	1227.331

As at 9 February 2016 the National Cultural Institutions were considering how to meet the MYEFO savings and were to provide advice to their governing Boards and Councils for formal decision.

3. As at 9 February 2016 the Ministry had not provided formal advice to the Minister about the effects of the MYEFO savings, as the National Cultural Institutions had not determined where those savings would be made.