

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**

**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**

**Budget Estimates Hearings May 2016**

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**Topic: Australia Council - Project Grants**

**Senator Bilyk, Catryna asked:**

**Mr Grybowski:** We have two announcements imminent. The February project grants round will be announced next week. That is \$11.2 million worth of project funding to individual artists, groups of individual artists and the small to medium sector for project funding. There were some terrific applications and very exciting results from that very competitive round. The \$11.2 million was more than we would normally anticipate, but the redirection of some funds back to the Australia Council in this current financial year enabled us to invest that \$11.2 million. Those announcements will be made next week.

The other announcement is our four-year funding, which is the core program funding for the small to medium sector, which will be announced publicly on the 16th of this month. We will start to personally call all the applicants from Wednesday.

**Senator BILYK:** Are you able to tell me how much money has gone to Tasmania with regard to those two programs?

**Mr Grybowski:** I will take that question on notice.

**Answer:**

In May 2016, two separate grant funding programs were announced by the Australia Council:

- In the grants round for Arts Projects, a total of \$475,391 was approved to 13 applicants based in Tasmania.
- Through the Four Year Funding round, Tasmanian-based small to medium arts organisations received \$1,706,675 in grants for a total of eight approved applications.