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Department of Communications and the Arts

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Topic: Public Service Modernisation Fund bids

Senator Gallagher, Katy asked:

Senator GALLAGHER: In terms of the allocation through the modernisation fund, I think about \$48 million was provided to a number of the institutions. Is that right?

Dr Smith: That is right. It is about one-third of what was available across the APS.

Senator GALLAGHER: Can you tell me how much was applied for but was unsuccessful?

Dr Smith: I might just seek some assistance on that one.

Mr Eccles: I would need to take that on notice.

Senator GALLAGHER: Just a global—I do not want it broken down by project; I get that that is not appropriate. But if I could just get what the institutions applied for and if we could see what they got through the budget, that would be useful...

Answer:

The National Collecting Institutions within the Communications and the Arts portfolio collectively submitted fifteen eligible proposals for funding under the two streams of Modernisation Fund, with an estimated value of \$115 million. A number of these proposals were subsequently amalgamated to remove duplication, and enhance the transformative nature of projects where commonalities existed.

A total of six proposals received funding under the Agency Sustainability stream: five proposals totalling \$48.5 million were agreed and funded in the 2017-18 Budget, and one proposal of \$16.4 million to the National Library of Australia was announced in the 2016-17 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook.