

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S PORTFOLIO

Group: 2

Program: 2.1

Question No. AE15/137

Senator Collins asked the following written question from the 24 February and 27 March 2015 hearings:

An answer to a QoN states that the Cultural Ministers Officials Working Group has provided funds for the ABS to update elements of the 2008-09 Cultural and Creative Activity Satellite Account. What are those "elements"? How much funding has been provided? When will that update be published?

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

The Meeting of Cultural Ministers Officials Working Group will provide funding of \$30,000 for the ABS to update the Cultural and Creative Activities Satellite Account with data from the 2011 Census about people whose main employment was in a cultural or creative industry or occupation, and entities actively trading as a business or non-profit institution within the cultural and creative industries.

This funding will form part of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) the Working Group is in the process of negotiating with the Australian Bureau of Statistics for the collection and reporting of cultural data.

A publication date will be negotiated as part of the MOU but has not yet been set.