

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment, Communications and the Arts
Legislation Committee**

Answers to questions on notice

Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts portfolio

Additional Estimates, February 2010

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Senator ABETZ asked:

Senator ABETZ—The question is whether the *Quadrant* magazine has been cut from \$50,000 to \$35,000 per annum.

Ms Keele—I would have to take that on notice, because I do not have that here with me, but I can make sure you find that out. I actually cannot tell you right off the top of my head, so we will let you know.

Senator ABETZ—I would assume then that you cannot tell us about *Meanjin*, *The Monthly*—

Ms Keele—I can tell you both of those, but I will have to tell you offline.

Senator ABETZ—Yes, if you can let us know. Is funding by calendar or financial year?

Ms Keele—It depends. There are a number of different grants. Some are for three years and some are for two years. Some are for projects. These are key organisation grants. My guess is that they are for three years.

Senator ABETZ—Possibly over three years and into the future. If you can, tell us the funding that has been and will be made available to the *Quadrant* magazine and also to the one we cannot quite agree how to pronounce but is spelt M-E-A-N-J-I-N and to *The Monthly*. Can you provide me with the comparisons of those three?

Ms Keele—Yes.

Answers:

Applications for funding to the Literature Board are assessed by independent peers through a competitive process.

In 2010, the Australia Council will provide \$35,000 to *Quadrant* to support fees to its literary contributors through the annual program funding category of the Australia Council's Literature Board.

In 2009, the Australia Council provided \$50,000 to *Quadrant* through the same category to support fees to its literary contributors. *Quadrant* previously received funding of \$30,000 in 2007 and \$30,000 in 2008.

In 2009 and 2010, the Literature Board provided \$50,000 to *Meanjin* to support payments to literary contributors.

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Funding for literary publications in 2011 and beyond is yet to be decided by the Literature Board.

Currently, the Australia Council does not have any funding committed to *The Monthly*.