

Senate Environment, Communications, Information Technology & the Arts

Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Australia Council

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Senator Bishop asked:

Could you undertake to provide a copy of correspondence?

Answer:

"The Australia Council provides the following documents:

1. Facsimile from Kim Williams dated 6 September 2000;
2. Extract of minutes from first Major Performing Arts Fund meeting dated 24 November 2000; and
3. Copy of paper for second Major Performing Arts Fund meeting dated 24 November 2000.

The Australia Council does not propose to provide to the Committee correspondence from the Australian Chamber Orchestra Chair to the Australia Council, nor the tripartite agreements between the Australia Council, the NSW Ministry for the Arts, and the Australian Chamber Orchestra and Musica Viva respectively. These documents include significant financial and performance information about the companies. The release of this information would effectively make public their business activities and has the potential to impact on their business dealings including sponsorship prospects.