

**Senate Standing Committee on the Environment, Communications, Information Technology  
and the Arts**

**2007-08 Budget Estimates**

*Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Portfolio*

**Questions on Notice – Monday 21 May 2007**

<b>Q no</b>	<b>Hansard ref.</b>	<b>Senator</b>	<b>Question</b>	<b>Division/ Agency</b>	<b>Date Rec'd</b>
1	ECITA 6	Lundy	Post review [Resourcing Dance], how many organisations were funded through that process?	Australia Council	03/07/07
2	ECITA 6	Lundy	Are you able to provide us with some detail about how exactly new choreographers are given training experience as choreographers and how their career paths develop through those small companies? If you could take it on notice to provide the committee with a description of where those opportunities are and how they occur, I would be grateful.	Australia Council	03/07/07
3	ECITA 8	Kemp	[Regarding VACS] the states have agreed to match the indexed amounts?	Arts & Sport/ Arts Policy	11/07/07
4	ECITA 8	Kemp	I would be very keen to see some material relating to what the state governments are currently putting into the small and medium sector.	Australia Council	03/07/07
5	ECITA 10	Conroy	Can I get a breakdown of last time [Venice Biennale]: economy, business class and all that sort of stuff?	Australia Council	03/07/07
6	ECITA 10	Conroy	Does the Australia Council outsource any of its responsibilities, including PR, during its participation in the event [the Venice Biennale]?	Australia Council	03/07/07
7	ECITA 11	Conroy	I am hoping that I can get a breakdown of the figure of \$780,000 supplied to the committee	Australia Council	03/07/07
8	ECITA 12	Conroy	How much is spent on each program? [Playing the World, International Pathways and a dance international strategy]	Australia Council	03/07/07
9	ECITA 13 and tabled	Conroy	a) Would you explain to me what that method is? [Department of Finance and Administration indexation formula number 6]  b) Can you advise how indexation is calculated for the Visual Arts and Craft Strategy funding?	Arts, Regional & Governance Branch in consultation with FAB/ DOFA	03/07/07
10	ECITA 21	Wortley	Sen Brandis - Is this the question: has there been any communication, either to me or to the department, from any individual criticising the relocation of the statistics function post merger to AFTRS? Wortley: [ not just from an individual; from any organisation] And, if so, what were the concerns raised?	Arts & Sport	26/06/07
11	ECITA 29	Conroy	Can you provide a list of the pontoons and what they are up to?	Australian National Maritime Museum (ANMM)	26/06/07
12	ECITA 29	Conroy	What maintenance costs has the ANMM incurred because of the lack of success of the pontoons?	ANMM	26/06/07

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13	ECITA 31	Conroy	In relation to digitisation of the NAA records, provide details of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• how much has been spent on digitising NAA records to date;</li> <li>• the cost of digitisation projects currently budgeted for; and</li> <li>• the estimated cost of digitising all the remaining NAA records.</li> </ul>	National Archives of Australia (NAA)	26/06/07
14	ECITA 31	Conroy	How much funding is fiscally allocated to digitisation?	NAA	26/06/07
15	ECITA 32	Conroy	Provide a breakdown of the individual costs in the Hermes Precisa \$4.9 million tender for this project.	NAA	26/06/07
16	ECITA 32	Conroy	a) How many staff or contractors did the NAA take on five years ago when this project commenced? b) How many contractors are still part of the NAA's ongoing operation (from five years ago)? c) Provide a breakdown of all staff that have worked on this project since its commencement and their employment status, eg ongoing, non-ongoing, permanent, part-time etc.	NAA	26/06/07
17	ECITA 36	Wortley	What percentage of staff have received training regarding the use of hazardous substances or environmental issues in their workplace that they need to be made aware of, including security staff having recommendations to wear masks in certain areas and things like that?	National Gallery of Australia (NGA)	03/07/07
18	ECITA 42	Conroy	How many ancestral remains or sacred objects are held by the NMA?	National Museum of Australia (NMA)	26/06/07
19	ECITA 43	Conroy	Is the NMA currently in negotiations with any organisation for the repatriation of Indigenous remains or sacred objects?	NMA	26/06/07
20	Tabled	Conroy	a) In the last round of Estimates you outlined a number of workshops which AbaF would be rolling out. We heard that "to the end of June we have got eight locked in"; can you update the committee on the progress of these programs? b) When did these workshops begin? c) How long will they run for? d) Have they been embraced by the arts community? e) What sort of take-up have you received for each workshop?	Australia Business Arts Foundation (AbaF)	03/07/07
21	Tabled	Conroy	a) It was also stated in February, "To the end of June we have got eight locked in, with the potential for another eight". What is the progress of these other eight workshops? b) When do you expect to have them up and running? c) Has there been any initial evaluation of the workshops? d) If so, by whom? e) When do you expect to start evaluating the success of these workshops?	AbaF	02/07/07
22	Tabled	Conroy	What other programs are waiting to be rolled out?	AbaF	02/07/07
23	Tabled	Conroy	What is the progress of Advice Line?	AbaF	02/07/07
24	Tabled	Conroy	a) What is the progress of the online resource? I note that in February it was stated, "the online resource is the next cab off the rank". b) What is the progress of the online resource for metropolitan and regional areas?	AbaF	03/07/07

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25	Tabled	Conroy	Has the FFC commissioned any modelling to investigate the benefits of the government's new incentive schemes?	FFC	26/06/07
26	Tabled	Conroy	Is the FFC aware of any modelling conducted by any other film agency?	FFC	26/06/07
27	Tabled	Conroy	a) What is the view of the FFC to scrap both 10BA and 10B? b) Does it consider this the most appropriate approach? c) What are its concerns regarding the scrapping of 10BA and 10B?	FFC	26/06/07
28	Tabled	Conroy	a) What will the FFC's new role entail? b) Will it continue to receive funding on a level with its current arrangements? c) Will it continue to provide direct funding for feature film production? d) What level of direct funding will it provide after the new arrangements are in place?	FFC	26/06/07
29	Tabled x- ref ECITA 39	Conroy/ Campbell	Can the gallery outline what the additional money in the Budget will be used for?  Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—What I am now asking you is: of the \$21.2 million, how much of that is allocated to salary, on-costs et cetera for staff—the extra 24.5 positions. Ms Anderson—We can provide you with a break up of that over the four years, if we can take that on notice. Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—And also what the other amounts are allocated to. Ms Anderson—Yes. ... Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—What is the expected return on that? Ms Anderson—I have not got those figures with me, but when we do the costing for you on the future operational costs of salary and other costs, we can include the revenue in that.	NPG	28/06/07
30	Tabled	Conroy	When does the gallery expect to be in its new home?	NPG	26/06/07
31	Tabled	Conroy	What educational programs are planned with the additional funding?	NPG	26/06/07
32	Tabled	Conroy	a) What touring activities will the gallery undertake? b) Does it intend to tour to capital cities and regional areas?	NPG	26/06/07
33	Tabled	Conroy	How does the gallery intend to deliver its work through new technological platforms?	NPG	26/06/07
34	Tabled	Conroy	What other services does the gallery intend to deliver?	NPG	26/06/07
35	Tabled	Conroy	a) When did the Playing Australia committee meet to finalise its recommendations for grants under the Playing Australia program? b) What date did the Minister's office receive these recommendations? c) When was the department advised of the Minister's decision?	Arts & Sport Division – Arts, Regional & Governance Branch	27/07/07
36	ECITA 48	Lundy	How many chaperones and how many doping control officers have those qualifications? [state clearances with respect to that child protection legislation]	ASADA	01/08/07
37	ECITA 49	Lundy	Can you provide the committee with correspondence or internal memos that give effect to that statement that you have just made? [in early July 2006, you established, as per the state legislation, that you did not require your DCOs or chaperones to have these clearances]	ASADA	27/07/07

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38	ECITA 52	Lundy	As far as making that policy [that staff ought to carry these state qualifications for child protection] did you issue a policy statement to all staff on that day, and, if so, can you provide a copy to the committee?	ASADA	22/08/07
39	ECITA 52	Lundy	Going back to the original analysis by ASADA back when you developed your business plan – and I will ask you to provide on notice the provision of the copy of the correspondence – where you say that ASADA had determined that it was not a priority given there was state legislation in place?	ASADA	27/07/07
40	ECITA 53	Lundy	My understanding is that the requirement for this state based qualification is actually flagged, if you like, or raised as a possibility within staff applications and within staff agreements. Is that true?	ASADA	27/07/07
41	ECITA 54	Lundy	Could you provide the committee with a copy of that plan [the tactical plan] so we can confirm that?	ASADA	27/07/07
42	ECITA 55	Lundy	How many tests has ASADA conducted since March 2006 on athletes under the age of 18?	ASADA	27/07/07
43	ECITA 55	Lundy	Could you also provide a breakdown of which state those under-18 athletes were tested in so that we can look at which legislation ought to have applied?	ASADA	27/07/07
44	ECITA 55	Lundy	Are there any other ASADA employees required to work with minors such as investigators who are now required to have clearances and did not previously?	ASADA	27/07/07
45	ECITA 66	Lundy	Perhaps you could provide the information now or, if you cannot, take on notice a comparison of the numbers of athletes you are doing face-to-face education with, as opposed to sending out the handbook and DVD.	ASADA	03/07/07
46	ECITA 66	Lundy	Can you tell me whether the athletes at the Head of the River Regatta on 31 March had ever attended a Pure Performance in Sport seminar or received any face-to-face training with respect to drugs in sport.	ASADA	13/09/07
47	ECITA 67	Lundy	Was there any obligation on Rowing Australia or the state rowing association to specifically provide them with any information regarding the drug testing regime?	ASADA	22/08/07
48	ECITA 67	Lundy	Can ASADA advise the committee whether any of that [additional funding for ASADA in the coming fiscal year is \$2,240,000] is for education of athletes?	ASADA	03/07/07
49	ECITA 68	Lundy	How many instances similar to that of Ian Thorpe's case, which was a test that found high levels of testosterone and luteinising hormone, has ASADA dealt with?	ASADA	03/07/07
50	ECITA 68	Lundy	Has ASADA conducted any tests showing higher than normal levels of testosterone or luteinising hormone that have also been deemed negative?	ASADA	11/07/07
51	ECITA 71	Lundy	As far as ASADA's procedures go, have you ever negated any test of any athlete who has had unusual levels of testosterone or luteinising hormone?	ASADA	27/07/07
52	ECITA 72	Lundy	So how many times has that occurred through the life of both ASDA and ASADA, where there has been an abnormal reading but it has not been deemed a positive test, that the results have been forwarded on to the international sporting body and WADA?	ASADA	27/07/07
53	ECITA 72	Lundy	You mentioned custom and practice in those 54 circumstances—that it is not the custom and practice of ASDA or ASADA to notify the athlete in that circumstance. That implies this has occurred previously. Can you confirm that there is more than one case of this nature that has occurred?	ASADA	27/07/07

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54	ECITA 83	Fielding	How much more would it cost to add those other screening tests to it?	ASADA	27/07/07
55	ECITA 90	Birmingham	Are you or the ASC aware of the Be Active program run in South Australia by the South Australian state government up until last year, providing some \$4 million a year in funding to support in-school activities but which was cut by the South Australian Labor government last year. It was removing those funds and I assume placing greater demand on the services that the Commonwealth is offering.	ASC	02/07/07
56	ECITA 91	Lundy	What proportion of the existing funding for that program [the AASC program] has been spent on salaries for coordinators and other things?	ASC	02/07/07
57	ECITA 91	Lundy	What proportion of the new funding will be on salaries?	ASC	02/07/07
58	ECITA 92	Lundy	Can you tell me what proportion of the current funding and the new funding will be spent on paying people who actually deliver these programs?	ASC	02/07/07
59	ECITA 92	Lundy	What hourly rate have you set for paying those people to deliver the programs?	ASC	02/07/07
60	ECITA 93	Lundy	Given a board member of the Australian Sports Commission, Kieran Perkins, is also a Healthy Active Ambassador, how much does he get paid and was he excluded from board meetings that considered the Active After-School Communities program, given he has a role in being an active ambassador?	ASC	02/07/07