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Senator HUMPHRIES-So you cannot tell me at this point in time the effect of the efficiency dividend in this financial year on grants to arts organisations?

Ms Bean-No. I do not have that figure. That is for the council to work out.

I understand that there will be no impact on artists and arts organisations, but I will take it on notice to confirm it.

Answer:

The efficiency dividend is currently applied to the Australia Council's base appropriation. Supplementation has been received for the 28 major performing arts organisations since 2006 in order to offset the impact of the efficiency dividend for those organisations only.

The net impact of the efficiency dividend for 2010-11 is approximately \$800, 000. The budget allocation for artists' grants has remained unchanged for 2010-11 with small to medium arts organisations receiving a small increase.