

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Senator: Senator Brandis

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Question:

Senator BRANDIS: Mr Eccles, could you please take on notice this question. Would you explain to me how the figures I have quoted to you by reference to page number, table number and line item of the portfolio budget statements in respect of the each of the agencies I have identified can be regarded as anything other than a reduction in the Commonwealth's investment in these core cultural agencies?

Mr Eccles: Yes, I will take that on notice.

Answer:

The figures quoted indicate a reduction in real funding.