

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Topic: Resale Royalties

Senator: Senator Brandis

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Question:

1. To date:
 - a) How many qualifying resales of artwork have there been?
 - b) How many artists have received a royalty?
 - c) What is the total royalties paid to artists?
 - d) What is the total of administrative fees collected under the scheme?
 - e) How many Indigenous artists have received a royalty?
 - f) How many qualifying resales of Indigenous works have there been?
 - g) What is the total of royalties paid to Indigenous artists?
2. How long does it take for an artist to receive a royalty payment?
3. How many artists entitled to a royalty have not claimed, or not received their royalty?

Answer:

1. As at 31 October 2011:
 - a) 2,794
 - b) 251
 - c) \$222,000
 - d) \$22,000
 - e) 165
 - f) 1,513
 - g) \$152,936
2. On average, within 29 days of receipt of the royalty from the art market professional.

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3. Artists have waived their resale royalty right on 51 occasions, 48 of these were related to a charity event. 92 artists have not yet received their royalty as the collection and distribution process is still underway and they fall into one of the following categories:
- a) The resale is in the 21 day opt-out period during which time, following notification of a resale royalty right, an artist either nominates Copyright Agency to collect their royalty payment, and will receive a payment, or indicates that they do not wish the royalty payment to be collected.
 - b) The 21 day opt-out period has concluded, the art market professional has been invoiced, and payment is due within 30 days.
 - c) Payment has been received from the art market professional and the artist's payment is scheduled for the next weekly pay cycle.
 - d) The artist is to be located or Copyright Agency are resolving estate issues. There are currently 49 artists in this group.