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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Asked By: Senator MCKENZIE

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Steve Gibbons MP, Member for Bendigo, credited the securing of funding for the Sandhurst Community Theatre Complex in part to 'Fabian Reid from my office, who... put an enormous amount of work into securing Federal funding for this project' (Minister confirms Art Centre funding, Steve Gibbons press release 7 September 2011). What role did the offices of ALP members play in determining the allocation of funding?

Answer:

The offices of ALP members did not play any role in the assessment of applications seeking funding under Round One of RDAF.

A number of members and senators provided letters of support for projects, which were submitted as part of their application by proponents. These letters were provided in support of the response to Selection Criteria 2B.