

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

**Group: Corporate**

**Question No. 3**

**Senator Macdonald asked the following question at the hearing on 18 November 2013:**

**CHAIR:** In the Ministry for the Arts, what has happened? There are 113 employed there now. Can you indicate what it might have been a couple of years ago, say?

**Mr Wilkins:** I might ask Ms Bassar to explain that. It has been wandering around in various departments for a while. I am not sure. Can you answer that?

**Ms Bassar:** A couple of years ago I would say it was probably around 170 or 180 FTE, but I would need to take that on notice. But that is approximate.

**CHAIR:** Perhaps I should be a bit more specific. In the last two full financial years, could you just give me the figures in the arts area—the equivalent to what is now the Ministry for the Arts—just for comparison's sake.

**Ms Bassar:** I will need to take that on notice and look up those records.

**The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:**

<b>Full Time Equivalent</b>	<b>30-Jun-11</b>	<b>30-Jun-12</b>	<b>30-Jun-13</b>
Ministry for the Arts	170	163	113
Artbank	15	16	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>131</b>