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Asked By: Senator HUMPHRIES

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Mr Florian: We have had a significant decrease in our consultancy expenditure from the last financial year to this financial year. We have tried to reduce the amount of non-ongoing and also actual staff that we use for contractors and specific projects we look at on a project-by-project basis.

Senator HUMPHRIES: Could you take on notice giving us information about what exactly you have done to accommodate that, that would be helpful please and what areas, for example, those consultancies were met. That would be useful, thank you.

Answer:

The National Film and Sound Archive (NFSA) allocate internal budgets on a yearly basis and then reviews budget to actual projections on a month by month basis. One of the main areas reduced to cater for increases in utility costs was the use of consultants. The 2011-12 internal budget allocated \$769,000, while the 2012-13 internal budget allocated \$574,000 to consultants, representing a reduction of \$195,000. Specific reductions included:

- A reduction of consultant allocation used to curate the Australian Screen online website;
- A reduction in consultant allocation for events, marketing and communications activities;
- A reduction in consultant allocation for the Film Australia sales and library website redevelopment;
- A reduction in consultant allocation for the facilities and security aspects of the Acton buildings; and
- A reduction in consultant allocation for Information Communication Technology (ICT) policy review and development.