

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

National Gallery of Australia

Budget Estimates 30 May 2013

Question: 144

Topic: Article in *The Australian* relating to Mr Kapoor

Asked By: Senator HUMPHRIES

Type of Question: RRA&T 49

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Senator HUMPHRIES: There is a report in the Australian on 23 March that there were 21 other items from Mr Kapoor that were purchased that are now with the National Gallery at the moment, is that correct?

Dr Radford: I am not sure that is correct. I might have to take that on notice because that particular article had many incorrections and that may be one of them. I cannot now recall.

Answer:

21 items were purchased from Mr Kapoor through Art of the Past.

Refer to the NGA's answer to Question 57 - *Items sold to the National Gallery* taken on notice from Senator Humphries at the Supplementary Budget Estimates hearing of 16 October 2012, for further information.

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Senator HUMPHRIES: Have there been many such inquiries?

Dr Radford: Unfortunately, I cannot answer that because we have been told that we cannot legally comment on those detailed investigations. If you would like us to read out the specific thing that we have been given from the Attorney-General's Department, we can.

Senator HUMPHRIES: I would appreciate any information you can give us that does not compromise that investigation. We have taxpayers' money involved here in these purchases. I think we are entitled to get some information.

Answer:

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Senator HUMPHRIES: Could you take on notice to give us an idea on what things the gallery has done to accommodate both the efficiency dividend and the increased cost of electricity price?

Mr Froud: Will do.

Answer:

The Gallery has accommodated reduced funding resulting from the efficiency dividend and the increase in electricity expenditure from within the current funding allocation for the 2012-13 financial year. The Gallery's internal budgeting processes regularly reviews and prioritises operational issues as required.