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Dear Mrs Menkens

Thank you for considering the proposed expenditure for the portfolio of Science, Information Technology, Innovation and the Arts. I would like to clarify a few statements made at the parliamentary estimates hearing on 23 July 2013.

I undertook to provide the committee with the details of the workshops for consultation for the Arts for all Queenslanders strategy. I can confirm that the four regional workshops were held in Cairns, Townsville, the Gold Coast and Mackay (refer to page 99).

I would also like to clarify that:

- Over 500 separate items of feedback were received from industry stakeholders in relation to the ICT strategy (refer to page 61).
- It is specifically ICT procurement that will transition to the Department of Science, Information Technology, Innovation and the Arts (refer to page 65).
- Following the movement of corporate services and Chief Technology Office, 430 FTEs remain in CITEC (refer to page 68).
- The Newman Government provided \$9 million, allocated in the 2013–14 budget, over five years for dementia research (refer to page 72).
- The results of the monitoring of the pilot release of mine water were published and subsequent ongoing monitoring was undertaken by the Department of Natural Resources and Mines (refer to page 80).
- Base data for the pilot release of mine water was collected in November 2012 only. Following the release, data was collected weekly for eight weeks and then monthly afterwards (refer to pages 80 and 81).
- A total of 28,983 people saw the Bolshoi Ballet perform at the Queensland Performing Arts Centre including in theatre and at free simulcasts (refer to page 84).

If you have any questions about my advice to you, you can contact Mr Andrew Garner, Director-General, Department of Science, Information Technology, Innovation and the Arts by email at [andrew.garner@dsitia.qld.gov.au](mailto:andrew.garner@dsitia.qld.gov.au) or on telephone 07 3247 3407.

Yours sincerely

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