

Question on Notice

No. 509

Asked on 6 June 2014

509 MS TRAD ASKED THE MINISTER FOR SCIENCE, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, INNOVATION AND THE ARTS (MR WALKER)—

Will the Minister outline grant and operational funding provided to arts and cultural organisations supported by his portfolio, broken down by organisation, for the last three financial years as well as a forecast for the financial year ahead?

ANSWER:

Arts Queensland provides both grant and operational funding to arts and cultural organisations.

Details of grant recipients can be found on the Arts Queensland (<http://www.arts.qld.gov.au/funding/funds-outcomes.html>) and Open Data (<https://data.qld.gov.au/>) websites.

It should be noted that each grant program may operate in different ways, with some programs being offered on a calendar year basis, whereas others may be on a financial year basis. This will mean that although a calendar year grant program may have the same level of funding from year to year, the actual grant expenditure paid in each year may vary due to the timing of payments around the end of the financial year.

Awarding a grant occurs when an application is deemed successful and a contract is entered into. Each contract can in some cases split funding into several payments according to milestone deliveries, which can mean that the payments of the grant may spread over more than one financial year.

Operational funding to Arts Statutory Bodies can be found in the Budget papers for the relevant financial year – <http://www.budget.qld.gov.au/previous-budgets/index.php>.

The Service Delivery Statement (<http://www.budget.qld.gov.au/current-budget/budget-papers/bp5.php>) provides details on the 2014-15 financial year.

Attachment 1 provides a high level breakdown of 2014-15 budgeted grant allocations across the main grant programs. These will be subject to change during the year, but give a reasonable estimate of budgeted amounts available for each grant program. The Organisations Fund being triennial in nature has been awarded in 2014 for the full three years 2014-16. Therefore it is possible to split out into the required level of detail and this has also been provided in this attachment.

2014-15 budget figures cannot be completely broken down into the requested level of detail. As previously advised in other Questions on Notice, this is due to the budget total being an allocation based on the best information available during the budget preparation time and in most cases the actual grant funding has yet to be awarded to recipients. Some grant programs are competitive in nature, which means that there are specific timeframes when the grant fund may have an application round open, and it is only once applications have been reviewed and assessed that funding will be allocated and payments made to the successful recipients.

Grant and Operational Expenditure awarded to arts and cultural organisations in 2014-15

Administered Grants awarded for 2014-15

Amount	Grant Program	Company/Organisation/Individual
56,000,000.00	Administered grant	State Library of Queensland
21,708,000.00	Administered grant	Queensland Museum
28,722,000.00	Administered grant	Queensland Art Gallery
8,219,000.00	Administered grant	Queensland Performing Arts Trust
2,600,000.00	Administered grant	Queensland Theatre Company
9,802,000.00	Administered grant	Screen Queensland
127,051,000.00	Administered grant - Total	

Grant Budget Allocations for 2014-15

Budget 2014-15 \$M	Grant Program	Notes
7.37	Organisations Fund 2014 - 2016	Total \$21.2M over 3 calendar years to 2016 providing funding to 35 organisations.
8.67	Major Performing Arts Organisations	Current triennial agreement with Australia Council ends in 2014, with agreement for a further one year extension to December 2015.
0.35	Aboriginal Centre for the Performing Arts	Operational grant funding
1.60	Queensland Music Festival	Operational grant funding
5.29	Major Brisbane Festival	Operational grant funding
0.75	Superstar Fund	Part of the 4 year commitment of \$3M to 2015-16
1.70	Playing Queensland Fund	Includes part of the 4 year Boost to Touring Commitment of \$3M to 2015-16 and excludes the BIA touring contribution.
2.27	Backing Indigenous Arts Program (BIA)	Complete program including funds allocated across other grant programs as a funding source for Indigenous applicants. Also includes final payment to the new entity managing the Cairns Indigenous Arts Fair.
0.74	Visual Arts & Crafts Program (VACS)	Complete program including funds allocated across other grant programs as a funding source for Visual Arts & Crafts related applications
4.54	Competitive Grant Pool (subject to Arts and Cultural Investment Framework)	Includes other limited life, partnerships and grant funding yet to be allocated
33.28	SDS - Total Grants expense	

Operational contracts awarded for 2014-15

Amount	Operational Expenditure	Company/Organisation/Individual
400,000.00	Artour Contract (note 1)	Circa Contemporary Circus
400,000.00	Operational Expenditure Total	

Note 1: The new Artour contract awarded to Circa Contemporary Circus is for \$1.4 million over 4 years. The figures here are just the 2014-15 payments due under the contract.