

Answers to questions on notice - Ms Penelope Benton, Acting Chief Executive Officer, National Association for the Visual Arts

Inquiry into Integrity, efficacy and value for money of NSW Government grant programs, Public Accountability Committee, Hearing 1 February 2021.

1. Funding discussion paper – NAVA’s Code of Practice revision
See attached
2. State arts funding
Refer page 23-24 in NAVA’s S2M Report: the economics of Australia’s small-to-medium visual arts sector
See attached
3. History of ministerial interference
NAVA does not have this information on file
4. Example: Minister approved 13 regional arts projects
Best to refer to NAVA’s website <https://visualarts.net.au/news-opinion/2019/continued-political-interference-arts-decisions-shocks-voters-week-out-nsw-election/> and linked article <https://mobile.abc.net.au/news/2019-03-14/nsw-ministers-accused-of-pork-barrelling-over-regional-arts-fund/10898154?nw=0>
5. NAVA’s COVID-19 ongoing impacts survey January 2021
See attached
6. Alternatives to the grants-based model
We are currently researching this and can share when available.
7. Costs for organisations applying for, responding to and acquitting grants
8. Refer page 63-24 in NAVA’s S2M Report: the economics of Australia’s small-to-medium visual arts sector
See attached
Recommend new research be undertaken