



**MINISTER FOR FAIR TRADING
MINISTER FOR THE ARTS**

QUESTION ON NOTICE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

SCULPTURE BY THE SEA

Mr Khan to the Minister for Fair Trading and Minister for the Arts —

1. In relation to Sculpture by the Sea:
 - a) How much money did Arts NSW contribute to Sculpture by the Sea in 2008 and 2009?
 - b) How much money will Arts NSW contribute to Sculpture by the Sea in 2010?
 - c) How much money will Arts NSW contribute to Sculpture by the Sea in 2011?

ANSWER

1.
 - a) Sculpture by the Sea received \$40,000 from Arts NSW in May 2009 for the Schools Education Program and the Indigenous Artist Mentor Program.
 - b) Sculpture by the Sea has made a submission for funding for 2010 to Arts NSW. Arts NSW is currently in negotiation with Sculpture by the Sea.
 - c) Sculpture by the Sea has made a submission for funding for 2011 to Arts NSW. Arts NSW is currently in negotiation with Sculpture by the Sea.

Virginia Judge MP
Minister



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SOUTHERN TASKFORCE

Mr Khan to the Minister for Fair Trading and Minister for the Arts—

2. Does the Minister and Arts NSW support Southern Taskforce's plan to develop a strong arts community in Port Kembla, in an effort to revitalise the area? What support can Southern Taskforce expect from the NSW Government in terms of funding and organisational support?

ANSWER

2.

While Southern Taskforce is not currently known to Arts NSW, the development of an arts community in Port Kembla is generally supported by the Minister and Department.

Southern Taskforce can contact Arts NSW to discuss their plans and are welcome to apply to the Arts Funding Program for future funding.

Virginia Judge MP
Minister

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Questions:

3. How was Charif Kazal made aware that you would be travelling to the Middle East?
4. Did you ever inform Charif Kazal that you would be travelling to the Middle East in the future?
5. How did Charif Kazal organise the flight upgrades taken by the Minister?
6. On what date did Charif Kazal offer to upgrade the Minister's flight?
7. On what date did Charif Kazal confirm to the Minister that her flights had been upgraded?
8. How many times has the Minister met with or communicated with Charif Kazal in the last 12 months?
9. On what dates did the Minister meet with or communicate with Charif Kazal?
10. Did Charif Kazal reveal to the Minister the manner in which he organised the upgrade?
 - a) if yes please outline the details.
11. Did Charif Kazal reveal to the Minister the reason why he offered to upgrade the Minister's flights?
 - b) If yes, please outline the details.
12. How long have you known Charif Kazal?
13. How were you introduced to Charif Kazal?
14. How many meetings have you had with Charif Kazal?
15. How many functions has Charif Kazal invited you to?
16. Of those functions, how many did you attend? Please provide the date and name of the event.
17. Is Charif Kazal a donor to your campaign funds?

Answers 3-17:

Flights and related expenses have been taken, recorded and declared in accordance with parliamentary disclosure requirements. For additional details refer to the Legislative Assembly Clerk.

Questions:

18. How long have you known Kosta Nikas?
19. How were you introduced to Kosta Nikas?
20. Given that Kosta Nikas is not a particularly noteworthy member of the NSW arts community, why was he invited to attend high-level planning meetings when other more regarded member of the NSW arts community could have been involved?
21. Who specifically raised the idea that Kosta Nikas be invited to meetings?
22. Who actually invited Kosta Nikas to the meetings?
23. Who did Kosta Nikas confirm his attendance at the meetings to?
24. What qualifications does Kosta Nikas have and what credentials and achievements within the NSW arts community achieved, that made him the most suitable representative of the NSW arts community to attend meetings of this nature?
25. What qualifications, technical knowledge or experience in website design and website functions does Kosta Nikas have that put him in the position to be able to legitimately advise the NSW Government on the features of the Arts NSW website with any degree of accuracy and confidence?

Answers 18-25:

Mr Nikas is a playwright, screenwriter and online publisher.

Questions:

34. When becoming a Minister on 8 September 2008, did you register your return with the Premier in accordance with section 2.2?
35. On what date did you register your return?
36. Have you updated your return since 8 September 2008?
37. If so, on what dates and for what reasons?

Answers 34-37:

Please refer this question to the Premier's office.

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26 -33 Mr Kosta Nikas.

In relation to Mr Kosta Nikas:

26. Has he received a grant/funding/subsidy from any NSW Government department or agency?

According to the Arts NSW database, Mr Kosta Nikas has not received any grant, funding or subsidy from Arts NSW. Arts NSW is not able to conduct such a search of other sources of NSW Government funding.

27. If so, how much was the grant/funding/subsidy?

Not applicable.

28. Has a body/organisation associated with him received a grant/funding/subsidy from any NSW Government department or agency?

It is not possible to search for organisations by association, such as board members, employees, contractors or artists. Arts NSW is not able to conduct such a search of other sources of NSW Government funding.

29. If so, how much was the grant/funding/subsidy?

Not applicable.

30. How many meetings has he attended between Arts NSW and yourself?

Two.

31. What were the dates of these meetings?

Friday 18 June 2010 and Friday 2 July 2010.

32. Did you, or your office, invite him to these meetings?

Mr Nikas was invited by Arts NSW, on request from Minister's office.

33. In what capacity was he invited to these meetings?

Mr Nikas was invited as a practicing playwright, screenwriter and online publisher.