

Minister representing the Minister for the Arts in the Senate

SENATE QUESTION

Resale Royalty Scheme

Question No. 2677

Senator Humphries asked the Minister representing the Minister for the Arts in the Senate on 24 January 2013:

With reference to the artists resale royalty scheme and the Copyright Agency Limited (CAL):

1. What is the total value of royalty collections to date, including figures for each quarter.
2. What percentage of the total value of royalties collected has gone to Indigenous artists, including figures for each quarter.
3. What are the annual Art Centres figures for first sales of Indigenous art.
4. What is the total value of the top 600 individual royalty payments to date.
5. How many individual right-holders received the top 600 individual payments.
6. How many of the top 600 individual royalty payments have gone to Indigenous right-holders, including figures for each quarter.
7. To date, what is the total value of the lowest 2 000 individual royalty payments.
8. If the scheme can deliver the smallest individual artist royalty payment at \$50, with a 10 per cent administration fee of \$5, why does the scheme charge an administration fee of \$1 000 to deliver an individual royalty payment of \$10 000.
9. After deducting non-recurrent set-up costs, what is the average cost of the CALs individual royalty payments to date.

Senator Lundy – The Minister for the Arts has provided the following answer to the honourable senator's question:

1. The total value of royalty collections is \$805,115.70. Data is collected on a six monthly basis.

Period Royalty Collected	Value of Royalties
2010 July - December	\$26,191.80
2011 January – June	\$128,323.80
2011 July – December	\$204,811.20
2012 January – June	\$153,670.50
2012 July – December	\$292,118.40

2. Since the commencement of the scheme, 59 per cent or \$440,042 has been paid to Indigenous right-holders. Actual payment data is only available as a total. A disaggregation would require an unreasonable diversion of resources.

3. The Department does not have the requested information.

4. \$296,772

5. 150

6. 301 payments for 91 right-holders.

The data below shows the number of payments for each period according to when the eligible resale was reported.

Period Resale Reported	Number of payments
2010 July – December	17
2011 January – June	61
2011 July – December	59
2012 January – June	76
2012 July – December	88
Total	301

7. \$115,379

8. The scheme allows the collecting society to charge a 10 per cent administration fee on each royalty paid to contribute to the scheme becoming self-sustaining over time.

9. \$30