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Question Time Brief

**Bring back the Fringe Festival to Canberra's CBD in 2013 –
Minister for Arts**

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 - I announced in June 2013 that Mr Jorian Gardner would be the creative producer for the 2014 fringe festival from the funds announced in the 2013-14 Budget. Mr Gardner has prepared a draft program which has been approved by artsACT and includes a range of performances and installations by ACT artists.
 - The 2014 fringe festival will be held in civic square over the Friday, Saturday and Sunday of 7- 9 February 2014.
 - The National Multicultural Festival will provide infrastructure support to the fringe including a marquee, insurance, promotion and security.

BACKGROUND

- A Canberra Fringe Festival ran alongside the National Multicultural Festival until 2009. Mr Gardner has produced these festivals.
- The fringe festival then moved to the National Folk Festival for 2010, 2011 and 2012. For 2013, the Government announced that a fringe festival will be re-established in the CBD and be part of the National Multicultural Festival.

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- The 2104 fringe festival will be held in civic square a program for which will be provided by Mr Gardner in the coming months.

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ISSUE: Selection of Creative Director – Fringe Festival

- In the 2103-14 Budget, \$20,000 in funding was announced to support a fringe festival alongside the 2014 National Multicultural Festival. This was an election commitment announced by the ACT Labor Government in the October 2012 Election.
- In June 2013, the Minister for the Arts announced that Mr Jorian Gardner would be the producer for the 2014 fringe festival. In making the decision, the Minister took into account Mr Gardner's artistic direction as producer of the fringe in previous years and his ongoing interest in staging the event again.
- The fringe event will be presented in Civic Square during and the 2014 National Multicultural Festival, feature young and emerging artists with programming that complements and extends the existing programming of the Multicultural Festival. The National Multicultural Festival will provide infrastructure support to the fringe festival which may include staging, insurances, security, promotion and waste management.
- Given that the funding is less than the procurement threshold of \$25,000, the Government is able to seek the interest of one provider in undertaking the activity. There are a number of examples where the Government has identified a single provider for arts activities below this threshold and funded through a deed of grant.
- I am grateful for the contribution PJ Williams and Nick Byrne for the 2013 event, MultiFRINGE 9.2.13.

BACKGROUND

- For the 2013 fringe event, \$20,000 was identified from unallocated funds from the ACT Arts Fund to support a fringe festival in the CBD as part of the 2013 National Multicultural Festival. To follow standard peer process for the ACT Arts Fund,

artsACT sought public expressions of interest for a creative producer for the fringe. A peer panel recommended that Mr PJ Williams and Mr Nick Byrne, who submitted a joint application, be appointed as the creative producers for the 2013 fringe festival.

- Mr Williams and Mr Byrne presented a sound event considering the short time frame and modest budget. The National Multicultural Festival provided significant support including set up, equipment, promotion, insurance, security and cleaning at a cost of some \$25,000.
- For the 2014 festival, the Minister for the Arts identified Mr Gardner as the creative producer from funds announced as part of the 2013-14 Budget. Mr Gardner has presented previous fringe festivals including as part of the Multicultural Festival. Mr Gardner has been appointed for one year only under a deed of grant which contains a number of outcomes to be achieved by the fringe.

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 - The Minister announced PJ Williams and Nick Byrne as the successful Creative Producers for the 2013 fringe festival, after a public expression of interest process. The Producers worked closely with artsACT and the National Multicultural Festival on this event, which was held on February 2013. The producers named the event multiFRINGE. The Creative Producers received support from the National Multicultural Festival in relation to infrastructure, insurance and promotion.
 - The ACT Government is considering who will undertake the position of Creative Producer for the 2014 fringe festival.
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- The program included a multi haka, poetry slams with Omar Musa, youth dance with Kulturebreak, roller derby, 'gene' pool, film projections, dance music with Bengali Electronik, and a range of other performances and activities. Preliminary results indicate that the event attracted good crowds, particularly with passing patrons.

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