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Constituency Question – arts funding and Screen Tasmania staffing

Dear Mr George

Thank you for your question in Parliament on 18 August 2026 on behalf of your constituent. The arts and culture sector is strong and filled with talented practitioners and dedicated volunteers. We are fortunate to have such a robust and vibrant arts ecosystem on our island.

As for Screen Tasmania specifically, I am advised that the current staffing at Screen Tasmania is 2 FTE. These positions will be supported with other resources as requested to maintain operations.

The former Department of State Growth is being re-visioned, including the creation of a new entity that brings together Screen Tasmania, Arts Tasmania, Events Tasmania, Active Tasmania, the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, the Tasmanian Institute of Sport, Tourism Tasmania, and Brand Tasmania.

Until such time as that structure is determined, it is premature to speak specifically about employment and structural issues. However, I can share that new staffing structures are currently being developed to ensure that the screen industry is properly and meaningfully supported.

I have had recent meetings with individual stakeholders in the screen sector regarding their views and have noted their concerns.

In the 2026-27 budget, the Government announced an uplift of \$10 million to be shared between Arts Tasmania and Screen Tasmania. This new investment will build capacity across the arts and screen sector, helping attract further investment, develop sustainable revenue streams, and employment in our creative industries.

As Minister for Arts, I look forward to working with Creative Tasmania to ensure a variety of programs are developed to best serve the arts and creative industries.

Yours sincerely

Hon Roger Jaensch MP
Minister for Arts