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Senator the Hon. George Brandis
Minister for the Arts and Sport
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Dear Senator Brandis

Tax free status of grants/awards for creators

I note that the Prime Minister, when announcing the worthy winners of his History award of \$100,000 on 20 June 2007 stated: "The Government will amend the income tax law to make this grant tax exempt. Legislation giving effect to the amendments will be introduced as soon as practicable."

The Australian Society of Authors (ASA), the peak body representing Australia's literary creators, applauds the vision and foresight of the Prime Minister in recognising that grants to creators are limited by their tax implications and the ASA calls upon the Government (and indeed the Opposition) to implement such tax exemption for all grants and awards for artists and creators as soon as practicable.

With kind regards

Dr Jeremy Fisher
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