

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

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**Agency - Australian Research Council**

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**Question**

**ARC - New research priorities**

Senator KIM CARR: There is an argument about how this fits. Can I have the detail, please, of the subject areas—the discipline areas. Prof. Byrne: I would be very happy to provide it. Senator KIM CARR: Could you tell me the break-up of the new research priorities. Ms Harvey: To be clear, the way that the process works is that the applicants self assess against the research priorities. We have previously had the national research priorities and then the strategic research priorities. We Pg. 44 have not embedded those all the way through because we have not had rounds of those points. People have not been asked. So we would have to do a harmonisation, ourselves. Senator KIM CARR: Could you give me the most recent data you have about the allocation of moneys against the research priorities. Prof. Byrne: The national research priorities we can give you in detail. Senator KIM CARR: The strategic research priorities— Prof. Byrne: They are too new in the system to be able to give you the data. Senator KIM CARR: You have not been able to provide the data on that. Prof. Byrne: Ask me that at a later estimates. Senator KIM CARR: We will take it that when they are available you will provide it. Prof. Byrne: Certainly. Senator KIM CARR: It might give us a better fix on how allocation is—

**Answer**

The Australian Research Council provided the following response.

The ARC is unable to answer Senator Carr's question about the allocation of funding against the new strategic research priorities until 2015. The priorities were only announced in 2013 and there is a lag before data is available from selection rounds completed after that time.