

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017**

Outcome: Higher Education Research and International

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000777

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Joint Research Engagement Program

Question

With reference to the Joint Research Engagement Program please provide the:

- (a) total funding allocated for each in 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17
- (b) departmental and administered funding allocated for each in 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17
- (c) number of organisations funded, or grants allocated, under the program in each in those years, the name of each organisation funded, the purpose of the funding and the dollar value of that funding
- (d) number of individuals projected to be serviced or services to be delivered through each in 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17
- (e) total funding actually expended on each in 2015-16 and 2014-15
- (f) number of individuals actually serviced or services actually delivered through each in 2015-16 and 2014-15
- (g) aggregate staff budget for each in 2016-17, 2015-16 and 2014-15 broken down by i) permanent APS staff and ii) contractors
- (h) number of permanent APS staff responsible for delivering each in 2016-17; 2015-16 and 2014-15, the classification of these staff and their geographic location;
- (i) dollar value of external advice contracted to support each in 2016-17, as well as the number of contractors engaged, the APS-equivalent classification these contractors were engaged at and their geographic location.

Answer

- (a) Table 1 – Total administered funding allocated for Joint Research Engagement

2014–15 \$'000	2015–16 \$'000	2016–17 \$'000
356,083	360,230	181,633

Notes: Data is by financial year. Funding in 2016–17 reflects the cessation of the Joint Research Engagement program with funding redirected to the Research Support Program from 1 January 2017.

- (b) Refer to (a). There is no specific allocation of departmental funding to this program.
- (c) The Joint Research Engagement program provides block grants, on a calendar year basis, to eligible Australian higher education providers to support the overall scale of research operations and research infrastructure of universities.

As funding is allocated on a calendar year basis the following table refers to payments for the calendar years 2014, 2015 and 2016 whereas funding allocations set out in (a) above are by financial year.

Table 2 – Institutions receiving Joint Research Engagement funding and value of funding

Eligible higher education providers	2014 \$	2015 \$	2016 \$
Australian Catholic University	1,370,626	1,554,000	1,777,329
Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education	129,199	138,807	134,167
Bond University	670,793	739,420	750,784
Central Queensland University	1,495,883	1,624,661	1,696,408
Charles Darwin University	3,375,613	3,316,025	3,244,607
Charles Sturt University	1,664,131	1,683,726	1,740,659
Curtin University of Technology	9,244,667	9,557,011	9,419,110
Deakin University	4,971,660	5,168,616	5,018,002
Edith Cowan University	2,808,113	2,763,416	2,681,283
Federation University Australia	828,054	890,011	986,802
Griffith University	8,724,791	8,535,155	8,288,625
James Cook University	3,854,610	4,395,615	5,366,363
La Trobe University	6,753,484	7,178,512	7,524,648
Macquarie University	5,885,451	5,851,350	6,462,965
MCD University of Divinity	385,891	446,240	471,107
Monash University	27,362,800	28,517,270	29,034,479
Murdoch University	5,225,899	5,091,378	4,921,194
Queensland University of Technology	10,261,133	10,857,691	10,684,016
Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology	7,238,724	7,691,753	8,324,397
Southern Cross University	1,726,498	1,795,947	1,765,722
Swinburne University of Technology	3,090,605	3,204,905	3,104,316
The Australian National University	19,943,780	21,376,430	23,683,652
The Flinders University of South Australia	6,316,082	6,715,408	6,834,809
The University of Adelaide	15,541,872	16,219,344	16,564,899
The University of Melbourne	34,228,928	33,625,922	32,646,085
The University of Notre Dame Australia	326,887	443,449	582,912
The University of Queensland	30,032,195	30,800,924	29,969,587
The University of Sydney	32,356,062	32,560,670	33,394,501
The University of Western Australia	17,811,418	18,220,745	17,637,176
Torrens University Australia	0	0	2,045
University of Canberra	2,502,926	2,448,524	2,366,680
University of New England	3,133,512	3,388,167	3,599,632
University of New South Wales	31,359,783	32,904,261	33,155,503
University of Newcastle	8,877,014	8,836,925	9,011,315
University of South Australia	7,581,741	7,976,941	8,185,599
University of Southern Queensland	1,436,755	1,531,164	1,667,018
University of Tasmania	8,794,693	9,366,808	9,407,418
University of Technology, Sydney	5,423,380	5,680,334	6,146,145
University of the Sunshine Coast	830,752	998,092	1,126,934

Eligible higher education providers	2014 \$	2015 \$	2016 \$
University of Western Sydney	3,560,747	3,729,912	3,813,419
University of Wollongong	6,234,177	6,533,446	7,105,457
Victoria University	2,636,210	2,834,670	2,968,168
Grand Total	345,997,539	357,193,645	363,265,937
Number of providers funded	41	41	42

Note: Data is by calendar year

(d) The department does not collect this information for Joint Research Engagement.

(e) Table 3 – Joint Research Engagement funding expended by the department

2014–15 \$'000	2015–16 \$'000
356,083	360,230

Note: Data is by financial year

(f) The department does not collect this information for Joint Research Engagement.

(g) There is no specific allocation of staff resources for the program management of the Joint Research Engagement.

(h) There is no specific allocation of staff resources for the program management of the Joint Research Engagement.

(i) Nil