

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. SQ16-000780

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Sustainable Research Excellence

Question

With reference to the Sustainable Research Excellence 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 Sustainable Research Excellence

2014–15 \$'000	2015–16 \$'000	2016–17 \$'000
185,417	238,733	67,439

Notes: Data is by financial year. Funding in 2016–17 reflects the cessation of the Sustainable Research Excellence 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 Sustainable Research Excellence program provides block grants, on a calendar year basis, to eligible Australian higher education providers to support the indirect costs associated with conducting research funded by Australian Competitive Grants research.

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 Sustainable Research Excellence funding and value of funding

Eligible higher education providers	2014 \$	2015 \$	2016 \$
Australian Catholic University	370,386	535,347	1,012,051
Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education	15,719	5,729	4,888
Bond University	472,372	527,308	803,182
Central Queensland University	407,730	501,803	495,936
Charles Darwin University	1,754,086	1,938,010	2,142,839
Charles Sturt University	884,748	944,036	1,041,704
Curtin University of Technology	1,991,793	2,301,977	3,039,105
Deakin University	1,796,665	2,114,074	2,685,818
Edith Cowan University	715,710	790,478	931,432
Federation University Australia	232,569	286,430	424,767
Griffith University	2,523,510	2,802,373	3,252,615
James Cook University	2,150,828	2,291,482	2,715,884
La Trobe University	1,607,409	1,849,359	1,887,024
Macquarie University	2,655,785	2,992,536	3,730,312
MCD University of Divinity	0	0	0
Monash University	15,776,909	17,538,237	20,721,535
Murdoch University	1,201,537	1,480,510	1,505,609
Queensland University of Technology	2,425,824	3,004,291	3,843,336
Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology	1,678,073	1,827,429	2,086,954
Southern Cross University	800,865	890,199	903,404
Swinburne University of Technology	1,386,548	1,585,980	1,717,689
The Australian National University	12,000,975	12,999,712	12,823,099
The Flinders University of South Australia	2,038,628	2,140,488	2,195,828
The University of Adelaide	9,364,276	10,062,284	11,646,642
The University of Melbourne	22,921,733	24,611,960	27,049,701
The University of Notre Dame Australia	61,851	54,659	102,431
The University of Queensland	20,174,054	23,074,113	25,794,520
The University of Sydney	21,539,630	22,683,744	22,953,249
The University of Western Australia	10,519,408	11,839,886	10,942,402
Torrens University Australia	0	0	0
University of Canberra	721,498	830,532	974,114
University of New England	992,574	1,265,564	1,578,568
University of New South Wales	15,219,234	17,434,829	18,302,761
University of Newcastle	4,111,284	4,440,660	4,202,705
University of South Australia	2,022,655	2,214,005	3,009,632
University of Southern Queensland	624,736	757,049	847,792
University of Tasmania	3,444,224	3,754,492	4,075,754
University of Technology, Sydney	1,738,230	2,023,983	2,119,293
University of the Sunshine Coast	356,212	719,013	866,416

Eligible higher education providers	2014 \$	2015 \$	2016 \$
University of Western Sydney	1,341,286	1,496,539	1,752,751
University of Wollongong	2,966,702	3,176,194	2,835,935
Victoria University	730,720	800,674	856,817
Grand Total	173,738,976	192,587,968	209,876,494
Number of providers funded	40	40	40

Note: Data is by calendar year

(d) The department does not collect this information for Sustainable Research Excellence.

(e) Table 3 – Sustainable Research Excellence funding expended by the department

2014–15 \$'000	2015–16 \$'000
185,417	238,733

Note: Data is by financial year

(f) The department does not collect this information for Sustainable Research Excellence.

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

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

(i) Nil