

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. SQ16-000784

Senator Carr, Kim provided in writing.

Collaborative Research Network program

Question

With reference to the Collaborative Research Network program please provide the:

- (a) total funding allocated for each in 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20
- (b) departmental and administered funding allocated for each in 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20
- (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, 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20
- (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)

2014–15 Actual \$'000	2015–16 Actual \$'000	2016–17 Budget \$'000	2017–18 Forward estimate \$'000	2018–19 Forward estimate \$'000	2019–20 Forward estimate \$'000
10,300	9,332	-	-	-	-

Funding is not subject to indexation.

(b)

	2014–15 Actual \$'000	2015–16 Actual \$'000	2016–17 Budget \$'000	2017–18 Forward estimate \$'000	2018–19 Forward estimate \$'000	2019–20 Forward estimate \$'000
Administered	10,300	9,332	-	-	-	-

a. \$0.9m in departmental costs over the life of the program (2010–11 to 2015–16).

b. \$81.1 million in administered costs over the life of the program (2010–11 to 2015–16)

c. The Collaborative Research Network (CRN) program was a lapsing program, with the Government's implementation of the National Innovation and Science Agenda (including the recommendations of the Review of Research Policy and Funding Arrangements (Watt Review) providing the platform for ongoing higher education research policy and funding including additional funding for Research Block Grants and ongoing funding for National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy (NCRIS).

(c)

2014–15	2015–16	2016–17	2017–18	2018–19	2019–20
14	4	-	-	-	-

Organisation	Purpose	2014–15 \$	2015–16 \$	2016–17 \$	2017–18 \$	2018–19 \$	2019–20 \$
Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education	Indigenous Research Collaborations Project	306,888	-	-	-	-	-
Charles Darwin University	Northern Research Futures	862,479	-	-	-	-	-
Charles Sturt University	Excellence in research in early years education	193,679	-	-	-	-	-
Edith Cowan University	Growing research excellence at Edith Cowan University through partnership and engagement	560,000	-	-	-	-	-
Southern Cross University	Policy and Planning research for sustainable regions	425,000	-	-	-	-	-
Federation University Australia	Self-sustaining Regions Research and Innovation Initiative	700,000	-	-	-	-	-
University of Canberra	Murray Darling Basin Futures	402,854	-	-	-	-	-
University of New England	CRN for Mental Health and Well-being in Rural Regions	85,000	-	-	-	-	-
University of Southern Queensland	Digital Futures	661,358	200,000	-	-	-	-
University of the Sunshine Coast	USC Research Futures Project	690,960	-	-	-	-	-
Victoria University	Education, active living and water: Leveraging Victoria University's research investment	786,408	-	-	-	-	-

Organisation	Purpose	2014–15 \$	2015–16 \$	2016–17 \$	2017–18 \$	2018–19 \$	2019–20 \$
Australian Catholic University	Building Collaborative Research with a Particular Focus on Cardiovascular Health	1,884,348	3,681,958	-	-	-	-
Bond University	CRN for Advancing Exercise and Sports Science	1,346,392	2,675,075	-	-	-	-
University of Notre Dame, Australia	Healthy People Healthy Country	1,394,632	2,774,617	-	-	-	-

(d) Refer to (c) above

(e) Refer to (b) above

(f) Refer to (c) above

(g) Refer to (b) above

(h) EL1 (0.2 FTE) is assigned to the contract management of the project. Administration of the project is conducted at the National office, in Canberra.

(i) No contractors have been engaged to support delivery of the CRN program.