

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. SQ16-000787

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Higher Education Research Promotion

Question

With reference to Higher Education Research Promotion 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) Total allocated funding* for each financial year is:

2014–15 \$000's (Actual)	2015–16 \$000's (Actual)	2016–17 \$000's (Estimate)	2017–18 \$000's (Estimate)	2018–19 \$000's (Estimate)	2019–20 \$000's (Estimate)	Total \$000's (Estimate)
4,652	4,731	4,804	4,919	5,033	5,148	29,287

* Subject to indexation.

- b) The budget allocated to the program is provided in a) above. There is no departmental funding allocated under the Higher Education Research Promotion (HERP)

- c) The purpose of HERP is to provide grants under the *Higher Education Support Act (2003)* to foster an understanding of the importance of, and/or promote, research and scholarship in, science, social science or the humanities in Australia. The current number of organisations funded under the HERP program from 2015 to 2020 is shown in the table below#:

Name #	2014–15 (Actual) \$000's	2015–16 (Actual) \$000's	2016–17 (Estimate) \$000's	2017–18 (Estimate) \$000's	2018–19 (Estimate) \$000's	2019–20 (Estimate) \$000's	Total \$000's
Australian and New Zealand Association for the Advancement of Science (ANZAAS)	22	23	24	24	25	25	143
Learned Academies*							
Academy of Social Sciences in Australia (ASSA)	824	838	To be confirmed				
Australian Academy of the Humanities (AAH)	824	838					
Australian Academy of Science (AAS)	1,720	1,749					
Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering (ATSE)	1,074	1,092					
Australian Council of Learned Academies (ACOLA)	188	191					
Total (Learned Academies)	4,630	4,708	4,780	4,895	5,008	5,123	29,144
Total HERP Allocation	4,652	4,731	4,804	4,919	5,033	5,148	29,287

The number of eligible organisations able to be funded under the HESA-HERP is subject to decisions by government.

* Budget figures are subject to adjustment due to indexation in the forward estimates. The Learned Academies forward estimates allocation is not allocated to individual organisations until completion of forward estimates indexation and paid in January 2017

- d) The most recent performance measures for this program are provided in the Portfolio Budget Statement (PBS) for the Department of Education and Training, under Outcome 2.6, on page 64. A copy of the 2016–17 PBS is available at:
https://docs.education.gov.au/system/files/doc/other/education_and_training_portfolio_budget_statements_2016-17_full.pdf.

All previous years PBS's containing the reported performance indicators for the HERP funded organisations is available from the department web site at:
<http://www.education.gov.au/>.

Additional reported achievements are available from the Learned Academies web pages under their annual report at:

ACOLA: <http://www.acola.org.au/>

ATSE: <https://www.atse.org.au/>

AAS: <https://www.science.org.au/>

AAH: <http://www.humanities.org.au/>

ASSA: <http://www.assa.edu.au/>

- e) Refer to item c) above.
- f) Refer to item d) above.
- g) There is no additional departmental funding allocated to the project.
- h) Refer to item g) above.
- i) There are no contracted workers employed by the department to administer or deliver this project.