

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017

Outcome: Agency: ARC

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-001175

Senator Carr, Kim provided in writing

ARC - Discretionary Grants

Question

In relation to all discretionary grants in the Department of Education & Training, and portfolio agencies, please:

- a. Provide a list of all discretionary grants, including a description of the grant program and the date it was established.
- b. For each grant program, and for each of the years in the forward estimates, please provide:
 - i. Total program funding
 - ii. Committed funding
 - iii. Contracted funding
 - iv. Uncommitted funding

Answer

The Australian Research Council (ARC) has provided the following response

- a) A list of all grants awarded under the National Competitive Grants Program (NCGP) is available on the ARC website at <http://www.arc.gov.au/grants-dataset>.

The NCGP, and its component Discovery and Linkage Programs, were established in 2002.

The Discovery Program provides funding for investigator-initiated research projects, research fellowships and awards. The objectives of the Discovery Program are to deliver outcomes of benefit to Australia and build Australia's research capacity through support for excellent, internationally competitive research by individuals and teams, research training and career opportunities for the best Australian and international researchers, and international collaboration including research in priority areas. The Discovery Program comprises five funding schemes: Australian Laureate Fellowships, Discovery Early Career Researcher Award, Discovery Indigenous, Discovery Projects and Future Fellowships.

The Linkage Program provides funding for research projects, infrastructure, research hubs and centres that foster collaboration among researchers and research teams in Australia and internationally, and with industry and other end-users of research. The Linkage Program comprises seven funding schemes: ARC Centres of Excellence; Industrial Transformation Research Hubs; Industrial Transformation Training Centres; Linkage Infrastructure, Equipment and Facilities; Linkage Learned Academies Special Projects; Linkage Projects and Special Research Initiatives.

(b)

Grant Program	2016-17 \$'000s	2017-18 \$'000s	2018-19 \$'000s	2019-20 \$'000s
Discovery – Program Funding	481,390	497,197	497,591	521,435
Linkage – Program Funding	262,973	264,218	270,581	276,822
TOTAL	744,363	761,415	768,172	798,257

The information provided is based on budgeted appropriations. The ARC has multi-year grants that are committed on an annual cycle. Please note the ARC fully commits every financial year.