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SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2007-2008 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

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DEST Question No. E061_08

Senator Carr asked on 30 May 2007, EWRE Hansard page 13.

Question:

Senator CARR—... How many applicants have appealed to the appeals committee about grants in the last year?

Mr Harper—In the 2007 funding round for Discovery Projects, eight applicants appealed. In respect of the Linkage Infrastructure, Equipment and Facilities scheme, two applicants appealed.

Senator CARR—Do you have figures for the previous year?

Mr Harper—In the 2006 funding round, there were nine appeals for Discovery Projects, eight appeals for Linkage projects, one appeal for Linkage International and two appeals for Linkage Infrastructure, Equipment and Facilities.

Senator CARR—How many appealed in 2004?

Mr Harper—In 2004, there were 10 in Discovery Projects and six in Linkage projects. They are the only figures I have in front of me.

Senator CARR—What areas did the appeals in the Discovery Projects cover?

Mr Harper—I am not quite sure that I understand what you mean by 'what areas'.

Senator CARR—What disciplines did the appeals cover?

Mr Harper—I would have to take that on notice.

Answer:

ARC has provided the following response.

Discovery Projects

The number of *Discovery Projects* appeals received across the ARC discipline groupings, 2004–2007, is shown in the following table:

Discipline grouping	Projects commencing in year				
	2004	2005	2006	2007	
Biological Sciences & Biotechnology	4	2	3	2	
Engineering & Environmental Sciences	2	3	0	0	
Humanities & Creative Arts	1	0	0	1	

Mathematics, Information & Communication Sciences	0	4	0	0
Physics, Chemistry & Geoscience	3	3	1	2
Social, Behavioural & Economic Sciences	0	1	5	3
Total	10	13	9	8