

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2013-2014**

Outcome 3 - Higher Education, Research and International

Department of Education Question No. ED0058_14

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question

Research Infrastructure Block Grants

For the Research Infrastructure Block Grants program please provide: a. the 2012-13 updated budget outcome for this program b. Current forward estimates for 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17 c. What the breakdown of these estimates is between administered and Departmental costs? d. How many FTE staff positions are allocated to the running of the Research Infrastructure Block Grants Program?

Answer

- a. The 2012-13 budget outcome is included in the table below.
- b. The forward estimates as at the Pre-election Economic and Fiscal Outlook is included in the table below.

| Research Infrastructure Block Grants (\$m) | | | | | |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | 2012-13 | 2013-14 | 2014-15 | 2015-16 | 2016-17 |
| Administered | 224.6 | 223.5 | 240.8 | 246.8 | 254.9 |

- c. The budgeted expenses for the programme are administered expenses only.
- d. There is no specific allocation of resources for the programme management of the Research Infrastructure Block Grants.