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**House of Representatives Standing Committee on Employment, Education and Training**  
Inquiry into funding Australia's research

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## New inquiry into research funding

This week the [House Standing Committee on Employment, Education and Training](#) launched an [inquiry into funding Australia's research](#).

The Chair of the Committee, [Mr Andrew Laming MP](#), said the inquiry would consider the efficiency and effectiveness of research investment across the Australian Government.

“The Australian government supports world-class research through a diverse range of funding programs and projects. The Committee wants to hear from universities, research institutions and other stakeholders about how these funding arrangements are working and how any issues of fragmentation and inefficiency could be addressed,” Mr Laming said.

Mr Laming explained that the Committee would seek to identify opportunities to improve how research funding is administered.

“The inquiry is an opportunity for the Committee to hear from researchers and research institutions about their experiences developing and managing applications for research funding. The Committee wants to ensure that the system is simple for researchers and effective in supporting research that is in the national interest,” Mr Laming said.

The inquiry will focus on federal funding for research. However, given the recent review of the National Health and Medical Research Council's funding program, the inquiry will not focus on this aspect of research funding.

The Committee is accepting written submissions, addressing one or more of the terms of reference, until **30 June 2018**. Information about how to make a submission to an inquiry is available on the [Parliament of Australia webpage](#).

Further information about the inquiry is available on the [inquiry webpage](#).

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