

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 1 - Health System Policy, Design and Innovation

Topic: Research Funding

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Griff, Stirling

Question:

Has the NHMRC considered publishing or providing a database of results (whether positive or negative) for the research it funds? If not, why not?

Answer:

The National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) updates a grants dataset on its website annually. This dataset includes the 'Achievements' and 'Expected Future Outcomes' reported by the lead investigator for each grant in the scientific final report submitted to NHMRC.

In addition, NHMRC has conducted publication and citation analyses of its funded research since 1996. These bibliometric analyses measure the knowledge production and scientific impact of NHMRC funding schemes in terms of published journal output. These analyses, published every 3 years, provide a measure by which NHMRC can assess the impact of its funded research in both a national, and an international context.