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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND SCIENCE

TOPIC: Regional Collaborations Program

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Carr

QUESTION No.: AI-132

- (1) Have any grants been announced under the Regional Collaborations Program?
- (2) How many rounds are planned?
- (3) What is the funding profile for this program?
- (4) Why was the Academy of Sciences chosen to administer this grant?
- (5) How were they chosen?
- (6) What are the governance arrangements for the management of this program by AAS?
 - a. Is it by a funding agreement or some other mechanism?
 - b. Is there a fee for the management of the program payable to AAS?

ANSWER

- (1) No grants have been announced yet. First round applications are currently being assessed.
- (2) Up to 4 rounds will be held.
- (3) The programme provides \$3.2 million over four years:

Financial Year	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	Total
Admin appropriation	0.800	0.800	0.800	0.800	3.200

- (4 & 5) The Australian Academy of Science (AAS) was directly sourced on the basis of:
- its networks and established relationships with counterpart organisations in other countries;
 - its ability to undertake activities within agreed timeframes and budget;
 - its contributions to the science and research agenda;
 - promotion of Australia’s international science engagement; and
 - prior performance in delivering similar activities.

- (6a) The Commonwealth and the AAS have a funding agreement.
- (6b) Yes.