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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY

TOPIC: Inspiring Australia web-page

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Carr

QUESTION No.: SI-113

The Inspiring Australia web page states that: “the Australian Government has allocated \$750 000 to support some key recommendations from [the six expert working group] reports. The recommendations funded by the Government were prioritised by external experts in these areas and several projects are now underway”. Please provide a list of the projects, including:

- a) Who is undertaking the project;
- b) The form of project tender or contracting arrangement;
- c) The current status of the project (eg complete, underway); and
- d) The project cost for each relevant financial year.

ANSWER

On 31 August 2011 the then Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research, Senator the Hon Kim Carr, approved the allocation of the following *Inspiring Australia* funding for the projects to provide support for implementing recommendations of the *Science and the media: from ideas to action* and the *Developing an evidence base for science engagement* reports. Tables below provide the list of funded projects.

<i>Developing an evidence base for science engagement projects</i>	Delivering organisation	Contracting arrangement	Status	Cost
Online National Audit of Science Engagement Activities	Econnect Communication in partnership with Bridge8, Australian Science Communicators and University of Western Australia.	An external steering committee identified projects. Requests for proposals were issued to relevant organisations in the field. Funding agreements were entered into to implement the selected proposals.	Final stages of completion	2011-12: \$70,000 2012-13: \$10,000 2013-14: \$10,000
Science Engagement Data Collation	Centre for Public Awareness in Science (ANU) in partnership with University of Queensland, and CHASS (Council for Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences).		Final stages of completion	2011-12: \$80,000 2012-13: \$80,000 2013-14: \$20,000
Building on the identified Outcomes C1: Australian Research Communication Survey C2: Website of Science Engagement Activities C3: Building a Research Base on the Role of Media in Science Engagement C4: Theory and Practice C5: Improving Communication of Research Outcomes	Centre for Public Awareness in Science (ANU) in partnership with University of Queensland, University of Western Australia and Econnect Communication and Australian Science Communicators.	As above	Final stages of completion	2012-13: \$130,000 2013-14: \$170,000
Evaluation Tools for Science Engagement Activities Development of an evaluation tool/s which enables the collection of nationally comparable data against key measurables.	University of Western Australia in partnership with University of Queensland, Victorian Government (Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development) and Econnect Communication.	As above	Final stages of completion	2011-12: \$100,000 2012-13: \$30,000 2013-14: \$50,000

<i>Science and the media: from ideas to action projects</i>	Delivering organisation	Contracting arrangement	Status	Cost per financial year
Social media training for scientists	Econnect Communication	An external steering committee identified projects. Requests for proposals were issued to relevant organisations in the field. Funding agreements were entered into to implement the selected proposals.	Completed	2011-12 \$40,000 2012-13 \$10,000 2013-14 \$10,000
Scientists in Residence (in newsrooms)	Australian Science Media Centre		Final stages of completion	2012-13 \$50,000 2013-14 \$50,000
Topical science forums	Science and Technology Australia		Final stages of completion	2011-12 \$20,000 2012-13 \$40,000 2013-14 \$40,000
Science journalism training module	University of Queensland	As above	Completed	2011-12 \$40,000 2012-13 \$10,000 2013-14 \$10,000
Science Media Exchange	Australian Science Media Centre	As above	Final stages of completion	2011-12 \$100,000 2012-13 \$100,00 2013-14 \$100,000
Science Behind the Headlines	Royal Institution of Australia	As above	Completed	2011-12 \$50,000 2012-13 \$40,000 2013-14 \$40,000