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AGENCY: CSIRO

TOPIC: Postdoctoral Fellows

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QUESTION No.: SI-119

Why have the number of postdoctoral fellows declined from 325 in 2013-14 to 229 in 2015-16?

ANSWER

A ranges of factors have caused this reduction in Post Doctoral Fellows.

Post-doctoral fellowships are specified term, early career development positions. Turnover of postdoctoral fellows is always high.

Demographic data for CSIRO employees for 15-16 excludes Data61 employees. Data61 employees are counted from 1 July 2016.

It is anticipated that there will be an increase in the recruitment of post-doctoral positions over the forward estimates.