

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
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Impact of changes on humanities and social services

Question

Senator KIM CARR: I would like to know what evidence you have about the impact of these changes on the humanities and social sciences.

Ms Borthwick: You were talking earlier to the ARC about the development of the measure of impact. Obviously that will come up with solutions which are disciplined based and discipline specific, and some of these issues will be sorted out through that process.

Mr English: But, again, there is a marginally increased share of funding driven by category 1 outcomes in this new funding model, and humanities do pretty well in the ARC grant process. We can provide you—

Senator KIM CARR: What do they get? Seven per cent ?

Mr English: The humanities and social sciences I think are more like 30 per cent.

Senator KIM CARR: What is the humanities share of that?

Mr English: I will take that on notice.

Answer

In 2015, 19.5 per cent of funding awarded under the National Competitive Grants Programme was allocated to projects in the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences disciplines—this excludes schemes for which outcomes have not yet been finalised.

Of this, 7.9 per cent of competitive grant funding in 2015 was allocated to projects in the Humanities disciplines.