

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016**

Outcome: Agency: ARC

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000280

Senator Carr, Kim provided in writing

ARC: Collaboration with CSIRO

Question

Senator KIM CARR: Time is short so I turn to the question of collaboration with CSIRO, in particular around the climate change measurements that have received so much attention in the last week or so. The ARC and the CSIRO have a number of collaborations. It is not just on climate change, is it?

Prof. Byrne: The ARC is primarily a funder of universities and university research. The engagement with the CSIRO is almost as a third partner. We are not a funder of the CSIRO.

Senator KIM CARR: No, and I am not suggesting that. But there are collaborations?

Prof. Byrne: Of course. Yes, indeed.

Senator KIM CARR: Can you give me a feel of how broad is that collaboration?

Prof. Byrne: I would have to take that on notice, what fraction of our—

Answer

The Australian Research Council (ARC) has provided the following response.

In 2015 there were 102 new and on-going National Competitive Grants Programme (NCGP) research projects which involved collaboration with researchers from CSIRO¹. Areas of high collaboration included: oceanography (eight projects); environmental science and management (seven projects); plant biology (six projects); atmospheric sciences (five projects); and astronomical and space science (five projects).

These research projects were funded under the following schemes of the NCGP: ARC Centres of Excellence; Discovery Projects; Industrial Transformation Training Centres; Industrial Transformation Research Hubs; Linkage Infrastructure, Equipment and Facilities; and Linkage Projects.

Note 1 - The data is limited to the information provided on the proposal for funding and does not include any variations that may have been made to the project after approval. The data does not include projects under the Industrial Transformation Research Hubs scheme 2015 because outcomes for this scheme are being finalised.