

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

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

Outcome: Agency: ARC

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000615

Senator Ludwig, Joe provided in writing

ARC: Staff Awards

Question

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

1. Has the Department / Agency given out awards to staff for any reason? If yes:
 - (a) What was the reason for the awards?
 - (b) What was the criteria for the awards?
 - (c) What form did the award take? (e.g. Certificate, gift vouchers etc)
 - (d) How much was spent on the award?
2. How were the awards presented?
3. Who presented the awards?
4. Was there a ceremony or party for the awards? If yes:
 - (a) Where was it held?
 - (b) Was there a fee for the venue? If yes, how much?
 - (c) How much was spent on catering?
 - (d) How many people attended?
 - (e) Did the minister attend?
 - (f) Did the minister's staff attend? If yes, how many?

Answer

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

1. Yes
 - a) Australia Day Achievement Medallions
 - b) Going above and beyond in the course of staff duties
 - c) Medallion and/or Certificate
 - d) \$91.50
2. Internal ceremony
3. ARC CEO
4. Yes
 - a) ARC onsite
 - b) No
 - c) \$1000
 - d) ARC staff—approximately 120 people
 - e) No
 - f) No