

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2016 - 2017

Outcome: Agency: ARC

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000013

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ARC - Consultations (Engagement and Impact arrangements)

Question

Ms Harvey: Just under 200 responded to the survey.

Senator KIM CARR: Two hundred?

Ms Harvey: Yes.

Senator KIM CARR: Would you be able to provide us with the details of all correspondence on this matter between the universities, industry representative groups and individual businesses around the indicators or the metrics for the engagement or impact?

Ms Harvey: Yes.

Answer

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

As part of the development of the indicators for the Engagement and Impact Assessment Pilot, the ARC conducted a survey of research end-users. The purpose of the survey was to garner the perspectives of research end-users on research engagement.

ARC invited 1900 end-users and end-user groups (comprising 18 peak bodies, six industry growth centres, and 1876 end-users) to participate in a survey. The survey opened on 6 May 2016 and closed 1 June 2016.

The survey asked respondents:

- whether they had engaged with the university sector
- the nature of the engagement
- which universities they had engaged with
- how likely they were to engage again
- what they found made for a successful engagement with a university research group and
- what they felt would be useful indicators of research engagement and impact.

The survey had 193 respondents, who defined themselves as follows:

Type	Responses numbers	Responses percentage
End-User / Beneficiary	152	78.76%
Sectoral Peak Body / Industry Growth Centre	19	9.84%
Other	22	11.40%