

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
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Senator Carr, asked on 01 March 2017, Proof Hansard page 50.

ARC - Addressing behavioural change

Question

Senator KIM CARR: Can you be specific? Perhaps you can take on notice the specific measures you will take to stop the rorting of the system that occurs in the United Kingdom?
Ms Harvey: I would be happy to take it explicitly on notice. One of the great things is having the case studies published, and machine readable, is a really good way of making sure that when people are making assertions they can stand by those assertions.

Answer

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

The methodology for the Engagement and Impact Assessment Pilot has been developed through a Steering Committee, the Technical Working Group (TWG) and the Performance and Incentives Working Group (PIWG). These groups comprise a range of leaders from the university and industry sectors, as well as experts in research assessment. In particular, the PIWG has the remit to examine the potential incentive effects of the engagement and impact methodology.

As part of this development process, all indicators of engagement and impact indicators were designed to meet a range of principles that guard against perverse behaviours in the system. These included the need for indicators to be:

- robust and objective
- repeatable and verifiable
- transparent and
- not resulting in perverse consequences.

Following the pilot, there will be a review of processes and outcomes in this will include considering behavioural impacts.