

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE  
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Senator Carr, Kim asked on 01 March 2017, Proof Hansard page 63

***Funding for Research Infrastructure - international comparision***

**Question**

Senator Birmingham: I think the government will be mindful of those factors in its response to the research infrastructure roadmap and consideration as to how the findings of that roadmap are funded.

Senator KIM CARR: Can you tell me any other government of an equivalent country such as Australia where the national government does not contribute to supporting research infrastructure?

Senator Birmingham: I will take that on notice.

**Answer**

Similar to Australian arrangements, other countries contribute research infrastructure according to their national objectives and research priorities.

The Australia Government has and continues to make significant contributions to research infrastructure. In December 2015 the Government committed \$2.3 billion over ten years in existing national research infrastructure under the National Innovation and Science Agenda (NISA). This in addition to existing commitments to the publicly funded research agencies and the investment of over \$2.8 billion made between 2005 and 2016 under the National Collaborative Research Investment Strategy (NCRIS) program to provide accessible, nationally networked research infrastructure.