

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2016 - 2017**

Outcome: Agency: ARC

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000134

Senator Carr, Kim provided in writing.

ARC - Data underpinning publications

Question

1. What is the current position of the ARC in regards to researchers being required to make data underpinning publications and funded by the ARC available?
2. Are there any plans to revise this position?
3. Are there any figures around how much data generated by funded projects is made or is available and any data on specific commercial return from project data by project?

Answer

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

1. The Australian Research Council is committed to maximising the benefits from ARC-funded research, including by ensuring greater access to research data. Since 2007, the ARC has encouraged researchers to deposit data arising from research projects in publicly accessible repositories. The ARC's position is consistent with the responsibilities outlined in the *Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research (2007)*.

Since February 2014, the ARC has also asked researchers, as part of the application process for funding under the National Competitive Grants Program, to outline how they plan to manage research data arising from ARC-funded research.

2. No
3. The ARC does not have this information.