

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

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Answer

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

The Engagement and Impact Assessment Pilot (EIAP) 2017 differs from the Research Engagement for Australia (REA) exercise conducted by Australian Academy of Technology and Engineering (ATSE) in the following ways:

1. REA was a trial of a set of metrics to measure research engagement.
2. EIAP will assess both research impact and research engagement.
3. The EIAP engagement assessment component will
 - a. include a wider range of engagement indicators than REA.
 - b. present the data incorporated into REA differently, eg in REA, the total income for a given discipline at an institution was compared against the total national income for that discipline whilst EIAP will show an institution's income for that discipline against the national median income for that discipline.
 - c. allow for a narrative to support material including additional quantitative information not covered by the engagement indicators being tested through the EIAP.