

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
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Research in modern education

Question

Do you see research as playing an important role modern education?

Answer

Yes, research plays a critical role in modern education. In particular, it:

- drives new knowledge that flows through to learning and teaching programs, ensuring the programs delivered are up to date and relevant, and inform teaching practice. Strong research capability and culture are particularly critical in ensuring Australia's universities can deliver effective research training programs.
- builds the capacity of the academic workforce, ensuring it maintains the expert knowledge and research skills to deliver high quality education programs. As noted by the Minister for Education and Training in his speech to the Universities Australia 2017 Conference on 1 March 2017, 'research, both pure and applied, will continue to be a critical part of Australia's ongoing economic transformation.' (For further details see <https://ministers.education.gov.au/birmingham/universities-australia-2017-conference>)