

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

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

**Outcome: Higher Education Research and International**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000368**

Senator Hanson-Young, Sarah provided in writing.

***University research programmes***

**Question**

Does it not run counter to the government's 'innovation agenda' and Malcolm Turnbull's 'Ideas Boom' to cut university research programmes?

**Answer**

Through its National Innovation and Science Agenda (NISA), the Australian Government has invested an additional \$180 million over the forward estimates to incentivise greater university and industry linkages that can benefit all Australians, as part of the new research block grant arrangements commencing on 1 January 2017.

In addition, under NISA, the Government has committed operational funding of \$150 million per year (indexed) to the National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy (NCRIS) from 1 July 2017, to provide ongoing funding certainty and job security to some 1700 researchers and technical experts employed on NCRIS projects.