

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016**

**Outcome: Agency: ARC**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000611**

Senator Rhiannon, Lee asked on 03 June 2015, Proof Hansard page 17

***ARC: Breakdown of ARC funding by topic***

**Question**

Senator RHIANNON: Is it possible to get a breakdown of the recipients of ARC funding by topic, like for agriculture, forestry, mining—the different areas.

Prof. Byrne: Yes, we can certainly do that for you.

Senator RHIANNON: Can we do it over time?

Prof. Byrne: We certainly can.

CHAIR: Can we add environmental?

Senator RHIANNON: I think whatever categories you have.

Prof. Byrne: Certainly we can do that for you, and we can easily do it for fiveish years. It is much harder going back further, if five years is sufficient.

Senator RHIANNON: Let's start with that, that would be good. It gives us by category and by total, obviously, so we can see the trends.

Prof. Byrne: Very happy to do that for you.

**Answer**

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

**ARC-funded research projects by 2-digit Field of Research classification, funding commencing in 2011-2015**

2-digit Field of Research classification	Funding commencing in				
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Agricultural and Veterinary Sciences	\$15,233,938	\$21,912,978	\$30,196,890	\$47,457,716	\$18,451,039
Biological Sciences	\$171,899,375	\$153,799,634	\$141,201,642	\$233,916,590	\$103,191,665
Built Environment and Design	\$11,261,852	\$7,862,499	\$6,587,694	\$7,635,279	\$11,187,028
Chemical Sciences	\$84,300,163	\$72,883,622	\$69,943,558	\$171,891,693	\$51,589,704
Commerce, Management, Tourism and Services	\$31,858,021	\$22,106,141	\$18,862,504	\$13,099,927	\$8,147,540
Earth Sciences	\$77,878,881	\$50,567,536	\$58,383,662	\$71,629,110	\$36,036,934
Economics	\$26,523,149	\$16,342,913	\$12,320,409	\$36,592,201	\$12,592,904
Education	\$13,644,448	\$28,101,967	\$12,828,730	\$17,641,326	\$13,202,326
Engineering	\$151,317,549	\$131,756,885	\$155,364,234	\$216,948,011	\$111,327,527
Environmental Sciences	\$60,656,646	\$44,760,188	\$36,563,220	\$66,399,071	\$30,941,334
History and Archaeology	\$55,719,139	\$35,192,243	\$37,529,331	\$35,719,606	\$18,546,458
Information and Computing Sciences	\$79,612,854	\$47,030,604	\$48,916,301	\$72,385,141	\$32,812,265
Language, Communication and Culture	\$49,364,987	\$29,117,466	\$35,363,120	\$54,373,855	\$16,000,674
Law and Legal Studies	\$18,365,083	\$14,521,035	\$14,408,661	\$12,544,149	\$12,911,887
Mathematical Sciences	\$51,791,651	\$46,805,202	\$45,834,297	\$65,370,087	\$29,967,388
Medical and Health Sciences	\$132,461,910	\$114,213,404	\$82,167,858	\$173,957,600	\$29,660,930
Philosophy and Religious Studies	\$10,749,503	\$11,997,407	\$14,753,041	\$13,571,688	\$7,962,983
Physical Sciences	\$207,062,851	\$94,342,132	\$68,318,221	\$142,606,825	\$54,848,164
Psychology and Cognitive Sciences	\$71,809,550	\$59,588,565	\$41,297,757	\$101,695,594	\$32,013,469
Studies in Creative Arts and Writing	\$33,319,083	\$7,927,240	\$11,995,765	\$8,548,105	\$7,354,741
Studies in Human Society	\$70,498,815	\$59,033,333	\$54,657,087	\$103,677,252	\$36,413,728
Technology	\$107,822,284	\$55,630,729	\$51,521,395	\$118,166,380	\$46,728,960
<b>Total (each project counted once)</b>	<b>\$954,390,771</b>	<b>\$735,969,491</b>	<b>\$705,102,947</b>	<b>\$1,036,699,181</b>	<b>\$503,847,833</b>

**Notes**

**1:** Funding for 2015 is not complete.

**2:** Data extracted based on 2 digit level FoR08 code nominated by researchers at the time of application. Projects may encompass more than one 2-digit level code and may be counted more than once. As such, the sum of the columns may be greater than the total. Each project is only counted once in the total.

**3:** The information shown below is limited to that which was current at the time research proposals were approved for funding and accordingly excludes any post-award variations that may subsequently have been approved (except in the case of ARC Centres of Excellence, co-funded research centres and some Special Research Initiatives).

**4.** Years 2011 and 2014 include funding awarded to ARC Centres of Excellence commencing in those years. Selection rounds for ARC Centres of Excellence are conducted periodically.