

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE  
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**Outcome: Agency: ARC**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000558**

Senator Carr, Kim asked on 31 May 2017, Proof Hansard page 7.

***ARC: Enterprise agreement arrangements in universities***

**Question**

Senator KIM CARR: Do current enterprise agreement arrangements in universities interact with the current code?

Ms Emery: Yes, in a range of ways

Senator KIM CARR: Perhaps you could explain to me what they are.

Ms Emery: I would think that is probably best I take on notice, Senator. There are 40-odd institutions, so they all have different versions of enterprise agreements, and it is impossible to try to convey the different interactions here.

**Answer**

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

Current institutional enterprise agreements interact with the *Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research* (the Code) in a variety of ways. The ARC is aware of three mechanisms. Institutions either:

- provide direct reference to the Code as part of their enterprise agreement;
- reference their own institutional Code of Conduct in their enterprise agreement. Their Code of Conduct then in turn references or incorporates the Code; or
- do not provide reference to the Code in either their enterprise agreement or their own institutional Code of Conduct.