

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
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Outcome: Agency: ARC

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000559

Senator Carr, Kim asked on 31 May 2017, Proof Hansard page 9

ARC: Major scientific journals publishing

Question

Senator KIM CARR: What about the cases of non-repeatable results being reported in major scientific journals? Have you got any examples of that?

Ms Emery: Not to my knowledge.

Senator KIM CARR: None at all?

Ms Emery: Not to my knowledge. I do not know.

Senator KIM CARR: I will ask you to take that on notice. Have we got any evidence coming to the Australian Research Council of major scientific journals publishing papers containing experiments which are not able to be verified?

Ms Emery: I will take it on notice

Answer

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

The ARC is not aware of non-repeatable results being reported in major scientific journals.

Where the ARC receives any reports or information regarding research papers where the veracity of the results are questioned—the responsible institution is required to review any experiments or consequent data, and if necessary, advise any journals that have published papers containing those experiments or data.