

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

**Agency - Australian Research Council (ARC)**

**Department of Education Question No. ED0689\_15**

**Senator Carr provided in writing.**

**Question**

**ARC - grants program**

For each separately identifiable grants program, please provide (preferably in an excel spreadsheet): (a) The name of the program. (b) How much funding was allocated to the program in 2013-14. (c) Actual spending under the program in 2013-14. (d) How much funding is allocated for the program in each year of the current forward estimates period. (e) How much funding has been committed under the program for each year of the current forward estimates period. (f) How much funding for the program is subject to an existing contract for each year of the current forward estimates period. (g) How much funding for the program remains uncommitted for each year of the current forward estimates period.

**Answer**

The Australian Research Council (ARC) has the following response:

NAME OF PROGRAM	Funding allocated in each year of the current forward estimates period					
	2013-14	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
	Funding allocated	Actual Spending	Budget	Forward estimate	Forward estimate	Forward estimate
Discovery Program	\$557,688,000	\$557,688,000	\$ 549,879,000	\$ 517,807,000	\$ 494,325,000	\$ 521,580,000
Linkage Program	\$326,271,000	\$325,549,939	\$ 325,763,000	\$ 277,285,000	\$ 265,402,000	\$ 271,671,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$883,959,000</b>	<b>\$883,237,939</b>	<b>\$ 875,642,000</b>	<b>\$ 795,092,000</b>	<b>\$ 759,727,000</b>	<b>\$793,251,000</b>

The information provided is based on budgeted appropriations. The ARC is unable to comment on what is committed at this time, given the ARC has multi-year grants that are committed on an annual cycle. Noting that the ARC fully commits every financial year.