

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014-2015

Outcome 3 - Higher Education, Reform & Support

Department of Education Question No. ED0705_15

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question

University funding to undertake research

On p. 56 of the Department's Annual Report, it says that "universities received \$5.2 billion to undertake research" in 2013 14. Please provide a breakdown of this funding between: (a) Department of Education programs, providing the level of funding per program; (b) Competitive grant funding receipts, by granting agency and, where possible, by program; and (c) Sources other than competitive grants, broken down by: (i) other Commonwealth government funding (by department or agency); (ii) State and Territory government agencies and programs (by State/Territory); (iii) industry; (iv) philanthropic funding; and (v) other community partners and end-users.

Answer

"Universities received \$5.2 billion to undertake research" refers to (1) total income reported in the 2013 Higher Education Research Data Collection (HERDC); plus (2) funding provided through the Department of Education's research block grant schemes in 2013.

The disaggregation of this data by funding source is provided in the table below:

Source of Research Income - 2013 HERDC and research block grants	Research Income
	\$
(a) Australian Competitive Research Grants - Category 1	
COMMONWEALTH SCHEMES	
Department of Agriculture	11,186,545
Department of Education (inc. ARC)	787,192,734
Department of the Environment	20,488,767
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	40,462,895
Department of Health (inc. NHMRC)	627,221,185
Department of Industry (inc. CSIRO & ARENA)	39,797,566
Department of Social Services	347,813
National Centre for Vocational Education Research	981,048
The Treasury	4,258,584
<i>Sub-Total COMMONWEALTH SCHEMES</i>	<i>1,531,937,139</i>
RURAL R&D	81,720,907
NON-COMMONWEALTH SCHEMES	70,068,810
Total Australian Competitive Research Grants - Category 1	1,683,726,855

(b) Other Public Sector Research Funding - Category 2	
(i) Commonwealth Government (other than listed above)	
Income from General or Untied Funding	126,976,920
Income from All Other Public Sector Research Funding	324,642,807
(ii) State Government (competitive and non-competitive)	
Income from General or Untied Funding	30,943,461
Income from All Other Public Sector Research Funding	342,405,766
(iii) Local Government (competitive and non-competitive)	
Income from General or Untied Funding	9,355,463
Income from All Other Public Sector Research Funding	11,936,582
Total Other Public Sector Research Funding - Category 2	846,260,998
(c) Industry and Other Funding for Research (including contracts, bequests etc.) - Category 3	924,906,659
(d) Cooperative Research Centre Funding - Category 4	104,397,568
(e) Research Block Grants	1,668,973,662
Total	5,228,265,743