

EXPENDITURE ON ERA

Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) identifies and promotes excellence across the full spectrum of research activity in Australia's higher education institutions. ERA evaluates the quality of the research undertaken in Australian universities against national and international benchmarks. The ratings are determined and moderated by committees of distinguished researchers, drawn from Australia and overseas.

The first full round of ERA occurred in 2010 and the results were published in early 2011 noting this was the first time a nationwide stocktake of discipline strengths and areas for development had ever been conducted in Australia.

The second round of ERA was completed with the publication of the *ERA 2012 National Report* on 6 December 2012.

The next ERA round is scheduled for 2015 and preparations are currently under way.

How much has the ARC expended on ERA from 2012-13 to now:

Funding	Fin Year 2012-13	Fin Year 2013-14	2014-15
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Departmental	4,578	3,924	1,057
Administered	3,723	741	83
Total	8,301	4,665	1,140