

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017**

Outcome: Agency: ARC

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000975

Senator McAllister, Jenny provided in writing

ARC - contractors and consultants in the 2015-16

Question

What was the total expenditure on contractors and consultants in the 2015-16 financial year.

For each contract or consultancy in the 2015-16 financial year, please outline:

- a) The project or engagement;
- b) The value of the contract;
- c) The name of each firm or contractor engaged; and
- d) The purpose of the contract.

For each contract or consultancy in the 2015-16 financial year, please outline:

- a) The names of each firm or contractor engaged; and
- b) Total payments made to each contractor or consultant.

Answer

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

The total ARC expenditure on contractors and consultants in the 2015–16 financial year was as follows:

	Departmental	Administered
2015-16	\$000	\$000
Consultants	\$800	\$2,462
Contractors	\$395	\$1,258

The details of ARC contracts and consultancies are published on AusTender and can be obtained from www.tenders.gov.au. The systems within the ARC have not been designed in such a way that easily allows for the tracking of payments against individual contracts. Manual processing would be required to provide the level of detail requested and to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of scarce entity resources.