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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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TOPIC: Research Grant Money

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Fielding

QUESTION No. BI-117

Is research grant money awarded with consideration to the construction or implementation of federal government policy?

ANSWER

Australian Research Council (ARC)-administered funds are awarded on the basis of assessments of proposals for funding against specific selection criteria. Those criteria are set out in funding rules approved by the Minister and are designed to contribute to achievement of the outcome, as specified in the ARC Budget Statements, of Australian research that advances the global knowledge and skills base leading to economic, social, cultural and environmental benefits for the Australian community.