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TOPIC: Audits of Research Activity in CRCs

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Eggleston

QUESTION No.: BI-142

What kind of internal and external audits are undertaken of research activity that is conducted in Cooperative Research Centres?

ANSWER:

CRCs are responsible for their own internal audit processes and go through relevant peer review processes prior to publication of research outcomes. CRCs are required to report progress against contracted research activities and other contracted milestones each year to the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research through their Annual Reports. All CRCs are also required to undergo one or two independent formal reviews during the period of their contract.

The Program Guidelines available at <https://www.crc.gov.au> outline the reporting, monitoring and evaluation requirements for the Cooperative Research Centres Program.