

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2013-2014**

Agency - Australian Research Council

Department of Education Question No. ED0265_14

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question

ARC - Manipulation of research outputs

Is the ARC aware of allegations that institutions sometimes use multi-disciplinary coding to bring certain kinds of research below the 'low volume threshold' to hide certain research outputs?

Answer

The Australian Research Council has provided the following response:

The ARC conducted extensive analysis on the coding of research outputs during the submission phase of ERA 2012, and prior to the 2012 evaluations beginning, to ensure that this rule was adhered to.