

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

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

Agency - Australian Research Council

Department of Education Question No. ED0267_14

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question

ARC - ERA statistics

Is the ARC aware of reports that some Level A research staff have had their classification changed from Academic to HEW, driven primarily by managements desire to have the ERA statistics work more in their favour? What is the ARC's response to this allegation?

Answer

The Australian Research Council has provided the following response.

Change of status from academic appointment to general staff Appointment has no bearing on the submission of eligible research outputs in ERA. All eligible outputs must be submitted, including the eligible outputs of employed staff with an HEW classification.