

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Agency - Australian Research Council

Department of Education Question No. ED0268_14

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question

ARC - research impact assessment

Is the ARC aware of any risks it has identified in relation to the introduction of research impact assessment? Does the ARC have any concerns about the implications of introducing research impact assessment upon academic or research staff working within the sector? And if so, what processes it plans to deploy to manage these.

Answer

The Australian Research Council has provided the following response.

The Excellence in Research Australia (ERA) 2015 round will proceed, as in the past, as an evaluation of research quality.

The ARC has initiated a requirement that proposals for ARC funding must include a research impact statement outlining the intended impact of the proposed research.

The ARC is also exploring the addition of research impact questions into reporting mechanisms for funded ARC projects. This would allow for improved monitoring of research impact, broader collection of data, and stronger reporting of the impact of publicly funded research.