

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
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**Senator McKenzie asked on 26 February 2014 , Hansard page 140**

**Question**

***Joint Research Engagement scheme***

Senator McKENZIE: When was it created? Ms Hart: I believe it was created in 2010, but I may need to take that on notice. Senator McKENZIE: Yes. Have we evaluated it since 2010? Ms Hart: No, not to my knowledge. But I will check to see whether or not there has been an evaluation. Senator McKENZIE: Thank you so much. I will put the rest of my questions on notice.

**Answer**

The Joint Research Engagement (JRE) scheme was created in 2010 to replace the Institutional Grants Scheme. The aim of JRE is to support research and research training activities and to encourage universities to increase their collaboration with industry and other end-users.

In 2011, the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research undertook a review of the weighting of the various elements in the JRE allocation formula. The review found broad support from the sector for the JRE formula and no changes were made to the scheme as a result.