



## Report released on Research Training in Australian Universities

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Innovation yesterday released its final report into research training and research workforce issues in Australian universities.

*Building Australia's Research Capacity* makes 38 recommendations in several key areas.

“This report makes a number of key recommendations aimed at addressing the current shortfall in research funding as well as boosting Australia’s research capacity,” Committee Chair Ms Vamvakinou said.

“Australian universities play a key role in driving innovation through the research projects they undertake. But attracting new graduates to research, and keeping hold of our best and brightest researchers here in Australia, has become a challenge for many Australian universities.”

Some of the key recommendations from the report include increasing Australia’s gross expenditure on research and development, and funding the full cost of research and research training at Australian universities and research institutions.

A suite of recommendations designed to assist research training students includes increasing the value and length of the Australian Postgraduate Award stipend, which will see students lifted above the poverty line.

“The recommendations contained in this report are a strong endorsement of support for Australian universities and research graduates who play a vital role in driving innovation in Australia, and will ensure that Australia is building its national research capacity to the level required to support future growth” Ms Vamvakinou said.

The report will be made available on the Committee’s website at <http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/isi/research/index.htm>

Further details, including the terms of reference, submissions, membership of the Committee, and transcripts of public hearings can be obtained on the Committee’s website at [www.aph.gov.au/isi](http://www.aph.gov.au/isi)

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