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Legislation Committee**

Answers to questions on notice  
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**Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:**

Senator URQUHART: Are you able to provide us with the final details of how much was spent by ARENA last financial year and on how many projects?

Mr Kay: Yes. The spend in cash terms last year was \$130 million, and ARENA has commitments to projects from historic years. I can take on notice the actual amount of commitment that we made in the year, which will be different to the spend.

**Answer:**

ARENA's cash spend for the 2015-16 financial year was \$127.427million This includes committing and/or providing funding to 193 projects across the innovation chain. The investment portfolio is detailed in ARENA's Annual Report on pages 64 to 73.

During the year ARENA made \$85million in new commitments to 35 projects, with a total project spend of \$300million.