

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016**

Outcome: Higher Education Research and International

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000058

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National Innovation and Science Agenda (block grants)

Question

Senator KIM CARR: I have asked you repeatedly for the evidence to sustain this. Can I seek from you specific advice on the nature of the weight of this opinion that you referred to on several occasions. Who said this to you?

Ms Borthwick: We will take it on notice.

Senator KIM CARR: On what basis did they say it? And on what evidence have they drawn?

Ms Borthwick: Yes, we will take it on notice.

Answer

- The review of research policy and funding arrangements undertook an extensive consultation process with the university and business sectors over a period of four months to inform the recommendations of the review. A list of consultations and public submissions are included in the appendix to the review report (these lists are provided at Attachment A).
- University representatives acknowledged the importance of publications as a measure of academic productivity and recognised the incentives to publish (embedded in other areas of the academic systems, such as promotions and global university rankings) are stronger than the 10 per cent weighting in the research block grant formulae.
- Based on this input, the review concluded that removing research publications from the research block grant formulae will not undermine the importance of publications to universities and researchers.
- Publications will still have an important role in all aspects of research such as through the assessment of the quality of research through Excellence in Research for Australia, competitive research grants and international university global ranking systems.

List of consultations

Ministers

1. Senator The Hon Simon Birmingham, Minister for Education and Training
2. Ms Kelly O'Dwyer, Minister for Small Business
3. The Hon Christopher Pyne, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science

Universities

1. Australian Catholic University
2. Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education
3. Bond University
4. Charles Darwin University
5. Charles Sturt University
6. Central Queensland University
7. Curtin University of Technology
8. Deakin University
9. Edith Cowan University
10. Federation University Australia
11. The Flinders University of South Australia
12. Griffith University
13. James Cook University
14. La Trobe University
15. Macquarie University
16. MCD University of Divinity
17. Monash University
18. Murdoch University
19. Queensland University of Technology
20. Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology
21. Southern Cross University
22. Swinburne University of Technology
23. The Australian National University
24. The University of Adelaide
25. The University of Melbourne
26. The University of Newcastle
27. The University of Notre Dame Australia
28. The University of Queensland
29. The University of Sydney
30. The University of Western Australia
31. University of Canberra
32. University of New South Wales
33. University of South Australia
34. University of Southern Queensland
35. University of Tasmania
36. University of Technology, Sydney
37. University of the Sunshine Coast
38. University of Wollongong
39. Victoria University
40. Western Sydney University

Research Institutes

1. Australasian Joint Research Centre for Building Information Modelling (BIM)
2. Centre for Macroalgal Resources & Biotechnology
3. Centre for Sustainable Tropical Fisheries and Aquaculture
4. Centre for Tropical Water and Aquatic Ecosystem Research
5. CSIRO
6. Edith Cowan University Security Research Institute

7. Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research
8. Industry and PhD Research Engagement Program (iPREP)
9. Institute for Immunology and Infectious Diseases
10. James Cook University eResearch Centre
11. Western Australian Energy Research Alliance (WA:ERA)

University Cohort Groups

1. Australian Technology Network of Universities
2. Group of Eight
3. Innovative Research Universities
4. Regional Universities Network
5. Universities Australia

Funding Councils

1. Australian Research Council
2. National Health and Medical Research Council

Academies

1. Australian Academy of the Humanities
2. Australian Academy of Science
3. Australian Academy of Technology and Engineering
4. Australian Council of Learned Academies
5. Academy of Social Sciences in Australia

Peak Bodies

1. Association of Australian Medical Research Institutes
2. Australian Council of Graduate Research
3. Council of Australian Postgraduate Associations
4. Knowledge Commercialisation Australia
5. National Tertiary Education Union

Business

1. Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry
2. Australian Industry Group
3. Brazier Motti
4. Business Council of Australia
5. Glencore Port
6. Mainstream Aquaculture
7. MBD Energy Ltd
8. Osmotion Ltd
9. Pacific Reef Fisheries
10. Port of Townsville Ltd
11. Queensland Airports Ltd
12. Rockfield Technologies Australia Pty Ltd
13. SeaLink Queensland Pty Ltd
14. Townsville Chamber of Commerce Board
15. Townsville Hospital
16. Townsville Enterprise Ltd
17. Wilson/Ryan/Grose Lawyers

Individuals

1. Mr Michael Chaney, Business member of the Commonwealth Science Council
2. Ms Jackie Fairley, Business member of the Commonwealth Science Council
3. Mr David Gonski, Chairman, ANZ
4. Mr Matthew Grounds, Chief Executive, UBS Australia
5. Mr Simon McKeon AO, Chairman of Macquarie Group Limited

Government departments

1. Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
2. The Treasury
3. Department of Finance
4. Department of Industry, Innovation and Science
5. Department of Health
6. Department of Education and Training
7. Office of the Australia's Chief Scientist

List of submissions

The review received a total of 76 written submissions. The following individuals and organisations have agreed that their submissions can be made public. Confidential submissions are not listed here.

1. Association of Australian Medical Research Institutes
2. Australian Academy of Humanities
3. Australian Academy of Science
4. Australian Academy of Technology and Engineering
5. Australian Advanced Manufacturing Council
6. Australian Business Deans Council
7. Australian Catholic University
8. Australian Council of Deans and Directors of Creative Arts
9. Australian Council of Graduate Research Inc.
10. Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute
11. Australian Library and Information Association
12. Australian Mathematical Sciences Institute
13. Australian National Data Service
14. Australasian Open Access Support Group
15. Professors Barnett, Graves and Clarke
16. Mr Steve Burdon
17. Professors Bruce Chapman and Prof Glenn Withers
18. Central Queensland University
19. Charles Darwin University
20. Charles Sturt University
21. Cooperative Research Centres Association
22. Council of Australian University Librarians
23. Council of Private Higher Education
24. Deakin University
25. Deep Exploration Technologies Cooperative Research Centre
26. Flinders University
27. Griffith University
28. Group of Eight
29. Innovative Research Universities
30. James Cook University
31. La Trobe University
32. Laureate Australia
33. Medicines Australia
34. Medical Technology Association Australia
35. Minerals Council of Australia
36. Monash University

37. National Disability Services
38. Mr Nigel Palmer
39. Pfizer Australia
40. Public Health Association of Australia and Council of Public Health Institutions of Australia
41. Queensland University of Technology
42. Research Australia
43. RMIT University
44. Southern Cross University
45. Swinburne University of Technology
46. The Australian National University
47. The Australian Technology Network
48. The Council of Australian Postgraduate Associations
49. The Regional Universities Network
50. The University of Melbourne
51. The University of New South Wales Australia
52. The University of Notre Dame Australia
53. The University of Queensland
54. University of Canberra
55. University of Divinity
56. University of Newcastle
57. University of Tasmania
58. University of Technology Sydney
59. University of the Sunshine Coast
60. University of Wollongong
61. Victoria University
62. Victorian TAFE Association
63. Western Sydney University
64. Universities Australia