

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018**

Outcome: Agency: ARC

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000560

Senator Carr, Kim asked on 31 May 2017, Proof Hansard page 9

ARC: Number of grants that had to be repaid

Question

Senator KIM CARR: How much was involved?

Ms Emery: The one that actually required the repayment was in relation to the inadvertent misuse of funding, and that was \$202.

Senator KIM CARR: It was \$202?

Ms Harvey: That is for a specific inadvertent misuse of funding.

Ms Emery: I am just trying to find the other two projects. I might need to take that on notice, sorry.

Senator KIM CARR: I do not think \$202 is an insignificant amount in itself, but that is not the issue. The fact that it had to be repaid is the problem.

Answer

The Australian Research Council (ARC) has provided the following response.

In accordance with the requirements contained within the *ARC Research Integrity and Research Misconduct Policy*, the ARC has recovered or ceased a total of \$587,138.93 in funding for four projects from institutions, as a result of research integrity breaches reported since the commencement of the policy on 13 April 2015.

This figure consists of:

- \$202.93 recovered as a result of misuse of funding;
- \$449,436 from two projects that were suspended by the relevant institutions and later terminated. Any funding already paid was recovered following the finalisation of the investigations; and
- \$137,500 in funding recovered from a project terminated by the ARC.