

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

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

Outcome: Agency: ARC

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000720

Senator Carr, Kim provided in writing.

ARC: Special research initiatives

Questions

Can you please give me an update on progress with the two special research initiatives announced in the 2014-15 Budget?

- What is the status of the Institute of Tropical Health and Medicine?
- What about the Antarctic Gateway Partnership?
- Are there any other SRIs in progress?
- When are both of these SRIs scheduled to be completed?

Answer

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

The Australian Institute of Tropical Health and Medicine (AITHM)

The AITHM is progressing well and meeting all funding agreement obligations. The scheduled end date of the Special Research Initiative is June 2018.

The Antarctic Gateway Partnership

The Antarctic Gateway Partnership is progressing well across all areas of the project. There has been successful completion of several research voyages in the 2016–17 Antarctic field season.

The scheduled completion date of this Special Research Initiative is December 2018.

Other SRIs

Yes there are four other SRI's in progress.