

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**Supplementary Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016**

**Outcome: Agency: ARC**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000661**

Senator Carr, Kim asked on 21 October 2015, Proof Hansard page 68

***ARC: Indexation of ARC funding***

**Question**

Senator KIM CARR: But in regard to the indexation of ARC funding, Minister, what is the government's legislative intention there?

Senator Birmingham: The indexation?

Ms Paul: Do you mean the efficiency dividend?

Senator KIM CARR: No, the indexation arrangements, because that is what changed—

Ms Paul: Oh, the indexation; I beg your pardon.

Senator Birmingham: There has not been any policy change in that regard.

Senator KIM CARR: There is no separate legislation for that? Do you want to take that on notice?

Senator Birmingham: Well, the legislation that delivers the annual requirement in relation to the ARC funding caps is coming forward. But I will happily take on notice anything additional that we may care to add in that regard.

**Answer**

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

*The Higher Education Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2015* was introduced into the House of Representatives on 22 October 2015. The Bill, which passed the Senate on 24 November 2015, will amend the funding caps in the *Australian Research Council Act 2001*.

The revised funding caps, as contained in the Bill include:

- for 2015–16—indexation applied at the Higher Education Grant Index (HEGI) for 1 July–31 December 2015 and at the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for 1 January–30 June 2016
- from 2016–17—indexation at CPI.