

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017**

Outcome: Higher Education Research and International

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000778

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Research Infrastructure Block Grants

Question

With reference to the Research Infrastructure Block Grants please provide the:

- (a) total funding allocated for each in 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17
- (b) departmental and administered funding allocated for each in 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17
- (c) number of organisations funded, or grants allocated, under the program in each in those years, the name of each organisation funded, the purpose of the funding and the dollar value of that funding
- (d) number of individuals projected to be serviced or services to be delivered through each in 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17
- (e) total funding actually expended on each in 2015-16 and 2014-15
- (f) number of individuals actually serviced or services actually delivered through each in 2015-16 and 2014-15
- (g) aggregate staff budget for each in 2016-17, 2015-16 and 2014-15 broken down by i) permanent APS staff and ii) contractors
- (h) number of permanent APS staff responsible for delivering each in 2016-17; 2015-16 and 2014-15, the classification of these staff and their geographic location;
- (i) dollar value of external advice contracted to support each in 2016-17, as well as the number of contractors engaged, the APS-equivalent classification these contractors were engaged at and their geographic location.

Answer

- (a) Table 1 – Total administered funding allocated for Research Infrastructure Block Grants

2014–15 \$'000	2015–16 \$'000	2016–17 \$'000
239,384	242,172	122,107

Notes: Data is by financial year. Funding in 2016–17 reflects the cessation of the Research Infrastructure Block Grants program with funding redirected to the Research Support Program from 1 January 2017.

- (b) Refer to (a). There is no specific allocation of departmental funding to this program.
- (c) The Research Infrastructure Block Grants program provides block grants, on a calendar year basis, to eligible Australian higher education providers to support the indirect costs associated with conducting research funded by Australian Competitive Grants research.

As funding is allocated on a calendar year basis the following table refers to payments for the calendar years 2014, 2015 and 2016 whereas funding allocations set out at (a) above are by financial year.

Table 2 – Institutions receiving Research Infrastructure Block Grants funding and value of funding

Eligible higher education providers	2014 \$	2015 \$	2016 \$
Australian Catholic University	203,616	262,862	678,296
Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education	8,642	2,813	2,165
Bond University	259,682	258,915	372,228
Central Queensland University	224,146	246,391	219,641
Charles Darwin University	2,502,887	2,581,351	2,509,381
Charles Sturt University	860,835	819,802	861,389
Curtin University of Technology	2,975,405	3,263,916	4,062,747
Deakin University	2,572,548	2,897,625	3,345,385
Edith Cowan University	439,072	464,783	626,759
Federation University Australia	127,853	140,641	188,121
Griffith University	4,115,068	4,270,112	4,194,597
James Cook University	3,222,154	3,158,613	3,332,943
La Trobe University	2,058,242	2,228,481	2,091,639
Macquarie University	3,967,383	4,273,704	4,866,614
MCD University of Divinity	0	0	0
Monash University	22,487,374	23,198,647	24,809,984
Murdoch University	1,273,490	1,565,265	1,646,884
Queensland University of Technology	3,594,946	4,278,314	5,088,136
Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology	2,047,986	2,063,995	2,274,503
Southern Cross University	580,775	611,812	531,557
Swinburne University of Technology	1,669,303	1,815,075	1,840,746
The Australian National University	14,728,853	14,816,135	14,453,252
The Flinders University of South Australia	3,123,348	3,002,688	2,881,098
The University of Adelaide	14,238,877	14,179,098	13,497,135
The University of Melbourne	30,688,042	30,564,109	30,262,551
The University of Notre Dame Australia	34,002	26,838	45,365
The University of Queensland	26,290,676	28,425,024	28,993,422
The University of Sydney	28,386,829	27,759,764	27,118,545
The University of Western Australia	14,613,241	15,302,174	15,187,576
Torrens University Australia	0	0	0
University of Canberra	460,302	572,128	716,501
University of New England	1,091,903	1,507,287	1,685,451
University of New South Wales	20,699,009	22,034,195	21,900,302
University of Newcastle	5,736,912	5,629,425	5,296,773
University of South Australia	2,869,187	2,919,294	3,476,822
University of Southern Queensland	343,443	396,589	458,708
University of Tasmania	5,274,174	5,340,516	5,539,307
University of Technology, Sydney	2,269,705	2,510,803	2,418,415
University of the Sunshine Coast	195,825	353,044	494,127

Eligible higher education providers	2014 \$	2015 \$	2016 \$
University of Western Sydney	1,710,329	1,795,793	1,895,962
University of Wollongong	4,182,567	4,123,729	3,873,052
Victoria University	459,158	468,157	474,036
Grand Total	232,587,789	240,129,907	244,212,115
Number of providers funded	40	40	40

Note: Data is by calendar year

(d) The department does not collect this information for Research Infrastructure Block Grants.

(e) Table 3 – Research Infrastructure Block Grants funding expended by the department

2014–15 \$'000	2015–16 \$'000
239,384	242,172

Note: Data is by financial year

(f) The department does not collect this information for Research Infrastructure Block Grants.

(g) There is no specific allocation of staff resources for the program management of the Research Infrastructure Block Grants.

(h) There is no specific allocation of staff resources for the program management of the Research Infrastructure Block Grants.

(i) Nil