

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. SQ16-000779

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Research Training Scheme

Question

With reference to the Research Training Scheme 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 Training Scheme

2014–15 \$'000	2015–16 \$'000	2016–17 \$'000
676,705	684,253	345,010

Notes: Data is by financial year. Funding in 2016–17 reflects the cessation of the Research Training Scheme with funding redirected to the Research Training Program from 1 January 2017.

- (b) Refer to (a). There is no specific allocation of departmental funding to this program.
- (c) The Research Training Scheme provides block grants, on a calendar year basis, to eligible Australian higher education providers to support research training for students undertaking Research Doctorate and Research Masters degrees.

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 in (a) above are by financial year.

Table 2 – Institutions receiving Research Training Scheme funding and value of funding

Eligible higher education providers	2014 \$	2015 \$	2016 \$
Australian Catholic University	2,166,984	2,181,467	2,288,655
Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education	146,364	139,779	135,048
Bond University	1,017,874	1,164,646	1,251,231
Central Queensland University	2,196,039	2,247,465	2,366,600
Charles Darwin University	4,538,597	4,559,193	4,642,763
Charles Sturt University	3,882,471	3,917,000	4,075,088
Curtin University of Technology	16,464,030	16,556,210	16,963,587
Deakin University	11,199,383	11,509,122	12,420,670
Edith Cowan University	4,558,256	4,605,103	4,791,228
Federation University Australia	1,776,940	1,696,998	1,639,555
Griffith University	14,965,070	15,027,259	15,235,325
James Cook University	8,727,223	9,099,088	9,578,892
La Trobe University	11,165,897	11,333,806	11,786,034
Macquarie University	14,648,024	15,450,877	16,631,427
MCD University of Divinity	729,813	697,885	674,262
Monash University	52,799,901	53,783,886	55,805,461
Murdoch University	8,132,381	7,766,515	7,503,618
Queensland University of Technology	19,387,427	19,994,393	20,735,298
Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology	13,471,074	13,699,178	14,344,619
Southern Cross University	3,437,147	3,282,514	3,171,401
Swinburne University of Technology	7,551,672	7,942,257	8,332,443
The Australian National University	36,303,651	36,573,136	37,474,943
The Flinders University of South Australia	11,097,052	10,977,498	10,882,674
The University of Adelaide	31,913,690	31,999,956	32,354,422
The University of Melbourne	70,923,433	68,081,023	65,992,308
The University of Notre Dame Australia	396,469	406,025	465,936
The University of Queensland	60,968,055	62,179,979	64,377,549
The University of Sydney	68,133,661	67,900,583	67,803,949
The University of Western Australia	33,414,139	33,369,338	33,108,781
Torrens University Australia	0	0	1,424
University of Canberra	3,179,243	3,309,691	3,445,529
University of New England	6,604,427	6,307,302	6,102,278
University of New South Wales	63,031,953	63,419,149	63,960,988
University of Newcastle	15,179,106	15,291,577	15,658,117
University of South Australia	13,294,051	13,374,038	13,579,635
University of Southern Queensland	3,165,580	3,400,811	3,584,161
University of Tasmania	16,754,341	17,001,724	16,982,687
University of Technology, Sydney	10,703,691	10,754,830	11,123,053
University of the Sunshine Coast	1,201,335	1,368,122	1,515,370

Eligible higher education providers	2014 \$	2015 \$	2016 \$
University of Western Sydney	6,906,421	6,884,356	7,070,218
University of Wollongong	13,815,855	14,434,259	15,404,671
Victoria University	4,976,606	4,797,520	4,757,914
Grand Total	674,925,326	678,485,558	690,019,812
Number of providers funded	41	41	42

Note: Data is by calendar year

- (d) Table 3 – Projected number of Research Training Scheme recipients (Equivalent Full-Time Student Load)

2014	2015	2016
21,500	21,500	21,500

Note: Data is by calendar year

- (e) Table 4 – Research Training Scheme funding expended by the department

2014–15 \$'000	2015–16 \$'000
676,705	684,253

Note: Data is by financial year

- (f) Table 5 – Actual number of Research Training Scheme recipients (Equivalent Full-Time Student Load)

2014	2015
26,293	26,380

Note: Data is by calendar year

- (g) There is no specific allocation of staff resources for the program management of the Research Training Scheme.
- (h) There is no specific allocation of staff resources for the program management of the Research Training Scheme.
- (i) Nil