

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017

Outcome: Agency: ARC

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000827

Senator Carr, Kim provided in writing

ARC - Excellence in Research Australia

Question

With reference to Excellence in Research Australia please provide:

- (a) Copies of any evaluation reports or program analysis prepared by external advisers in the last five years;
- (b) Copies of any evaluation reports or program analysis prepared within the department in the last five years.

Answer

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

In 2013 the ARC commissioned ACIL Allen Consulting to conduct an independent review of the benefits of the Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA). This report titled, *Benefits Realisation Review of Excellence in Research for Australia*, is available on the ARC website (<http://www.arc.gov.au/>) and is attached.

In addition, the ARC conducted a range of internal program analyses with respect to ERA, between the ERA 2012 and ERA 2015 processes, and following the ERA 2015 process, to refine the methodology, where required. These internal analyses are not for public release, however the changes to the methodology are reflected in the ERA 2012 and ERA 2015 Submission Guidelines. These are available on the arc website (as above), and are attached.