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Senator COLBECK—You had in your policy four-year fellowships valued at \$140,000 a year to 1,000 of Australia’s top researchers. Can you give us a program for how many of those you have allocated so far and what is the cycle—

Senator Carr—Those are administered by the ARC and they have gone. Would you be happy to take that on notice and get a report on how that is going?

Senator COLBECK—That is fine.

ANSWER

The Australian Research Council (ARC) will fund 200 Future Fellowships each year between 2009 and 2013.

Two hundred Future Fellowships and \$147 million have been awarded. The outcomes were announced on 9 September 2009.

Future Fellowships are currently available at three salary levels:

- Step 1 - \$98,935
- Step 2 - \$119,764; and
- Step 3 - \$140,592

On-costs of 28 per cent are provided in addition to the salary.

Figures are exclusive of GST.

Future Fellows can also request up to \$50,000 per year in infrastructure funding.

Allocation of Future Fellowships is as follows:

Funding Commencing	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	Total
Number of Fellowships	200*	200	200	200	200	1000

*Awarded