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QUESTION No.: AI-54

What does the department see as the major impediments to science post graduates finding work in Australia in their chosen field?

ANSWER

The Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research (DIISR) is currently developing the Research Workforce Strategy (RWS), as outlined in *Powering Ideas: An Innovation Agenda for the 21st Century* (12 May 2009). The RWS will, among a number of other issues, examine career pathways for higher degree by research candidates and qualified researchers, including looking at any impediments to research careers in Australia.

Work on the Research Workforce Strategy (RWS) is expected to be completed in the second half of 2010.