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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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TOPIC: Centre of Excellence for History of Emotions

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1. How much money has been allocated to the Centre of Excellence for the History of Emotions and over what period?
2. What process does the centre have to go through in order to secure further funding beyond that time period?
3. How many people are employed by the centre?
4. How much did it cost to fund the ‘Hearts and Stones’ project?
5. How is it decided what amount of funding a project is allocated?
6. Do participants have to meet any cost analysis benchmarks?

ANSWER

1. The Centre has been allocated ARC funding of \$24.25 million over seven years.
2. There is no provision in the current funding agreement to renew the Centre funding beyond seven years. Any additional funding would be subject to a new competitive funding round during 2016.

The Centre must provide annual progress reports, and will be subject to a rigorous and comprehensive external performance review in 2014.

3. The Centre has 15 full-time equivalent employees and supports the research of 16 investigators employed by the universities and their partners.
4. The ‘Heart and Stones’ project was an international workshop, costing \$15,000.
5. Individual research projects are approved within the Centre. Projects must show sufficient progress and outcomes for funding to be continued. When approving individual projects, the Centre must ensure that the research is consistent with the original approved ARC funding proposal for the Centre.
6. Assessment of all aspects of the Centre’s performance encompasses consideration of its financial systems and business and strategic planning, including performance indicators, milestones for achievement of objectives and delivery of outputs and outcomes.