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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: AUSTRALIAN RESEARCH COUNCIL (ARC)

TOPIC: Australian Research Council – Duration of competitive research grants.

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Mason

QUESTION No.: AI-77

In relation to the review into the duration of competitive research grants to be conducted by the Australian Research Council and the National Health and Medical Research Council (see Tim Dodd, 'Reducing Agony of Research Grants', *Australian Financial Review*, 3 December 2012, page 23):

- a) Has a committee been established to conduct the review? If so, who are its members?
- b) What are the terms of reference for the review?
- c) When will the review be completed?

ANSWER

- a) The review is being conducted by the Australian Research Council (ARC) – it is not a separate review. In line with the Australian Government's National Research Investment Plan (NRIP), the ARC is reviewing options for more wide spread use of grants of longer duration directed to individuals and teams.
- b) It is not a formal review. The review is part of ongoing ARC consideration of options around grant duration and terms of reference are not applicable.
- c) The outcome will be considered in the context of the NRIP as detailed above.