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Is the Department involved in any way in attempts at better co-ordinating and/or streamlining the disparate sources of funding (e.g. Federal, State and commercial grants) for research in Australian universities? If so, what kind of work does this entail?

ANSWER

There are no specific activities underway, although the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research liaises closely with States and Territories and other funding agencies to ensure a coordinated approach to research funding.

In addition, the Department is supporting the National Research Infrastructure Council in its role to facilitate coordination across different levels of investment in research infrastructure from institutional to national and landmark facilities. Over the coming year consultations with relevant stakeholders at Federal and State level will inform this activity.