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QUESTION No. BI-150

Is a secretariat being established for the Australian Research Integrity Committee?

If so, in which agency is it being established – and how much funding is being devoted to it? Are there any other costs associated with the establishment and ongoing operation of the Committee – and, if so, what are these costs?

To what institutions does the Committee’s remit extend?

ANSWER

Yes, the secretariat is being jointly established by the Australian Research Council (ARC) and the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) and operations will be shared between the two agencies. There is no separate allocation for the operation of the Australian Research Integrity Committee (ARIC). Ongoing costs of establishment and operation, which include remuneration, remain subject to the ongoing development of the ARIC framework.

Information on the proposed remits for ARIC are available in Section 4(a) of the *Proposal to establish an Australian Research Integrity Committee (ARIC)*, which is available from the ARC website at http://www.arc.gov.au/pdf/research_ARIC_proposal.pdf. The final ARIC framework is still under development.