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Senator ABETZ—Can you tell us how much of ARC funding goes to the Go8 universities?

Prof. Sheil—Again, I could tell you if you cited a particular period.

Senator ABETZ—In the last financial year—sorry, make it in the last three financial years. That will give us a very good trend.

Prof. Sheil—We have that information with us; we can provide it.

Senator ABETZ—Thank you. With respect to the selection panels for the moneys that you hand out on behalf of the taxpayers, are we able to be provided with a list of those people who assist in that regard and the institutions from which they come. Let us be quite clear about this: as I travel around I am told by some regional and other universities that the Go8 seem to get a disproportionate sum and part of the reason may well be that the panels have substantial representation from the Go8. What I am seeking is the raw data so that an independent assessment can be made of that assertion.

Prof. Sheil—All that data is in the annual report, so the list of the members of the college of experts and their institutions is in the annual report. It is also on our website.

Senator ABETZ—But can it be compiled? Unfortunately, we are getting this response a number of times from departments that it is on the website—

Senator Carr—Similar answers were given—

Senator ABETZ—Chair, Minister, can I finish or not?

CHAIR—Yes, Senator Abetz.

Senator ABETZ—References are made to websites and that is fine, but sometimes you have to trawl through and know which things—

Senator Carr—That is what you have staff for. These officers are not here to provide your research, when you should come to this committee a bit better prepared.

Senator ABETZ—Chair, can I finish?

CHAIR—Senator Abetz.

Senator ABETZ—If the ARC could provide that—and I would be particularly unimpressed, Minister, if the response were to come back that that would be an unreasonable use of resource, given that your ministerial colleague Minister Garrett has about 3,000 staff and a four-point something billion budget. They claimed at estimates yesterday that one phone call would be an unreasonable use of resources.

Senator Carr—Senator, I think you reading the annual report would be a good place to start.

CHAIR—I do not think we should continue this debate. Senator Ludlam has a couple of questions. We are short of time.

Senator ABETZ—Can I ask whether that question has been taken on notice.

Senator Carr—No. You can indicate that I have asked you to read the annual report where this information is contained.

Senator ABETZ—Can I ask that the question be taken on notice.

Prof. Sheil—All the information is in the annual report. We are happy to provide that as well.

Senator ABETZ—But with the capacity to disaggregate it and put it all together from various sources, the chances are—

Senator Carr—That is not the role of this committee.

Senator ABETZ—The chances are that there are various programs et cetera within the ARC that could be put together in a convenient form and any assistance in that regard would be appreciated. The fact that the regional universities have asked me to ask this question, with all their staff—and they are not fully understanding the situation—might give you an indication that I am not the only one suffering under this liability, Minister.

CHAIR—We have that request on record.

ANSWER

The table below shows ARC funding awarded to research projects as a result of selection rounds to the Group of Eight Universities conducted under the National Competitive Grants Program in 2006, 2007 and 2008 (excluding funding provided under the *Special Research Initiatives* scheme). All funding is GST exclusive.

Administering Organisations	Submit year		
	2006	2007	2008
Group of Eight universities	\$334,600,430	\$336,419,778	\$453,629,756
Other administering organisations	\$127,067,834	\$154,160,962	\$202,547,883
Total (GST exclusive)	\$461,668,264	\$490,580,740	\$656,177,639

Members of the ARC College of Experts 2008 and 2009

Member	Year of membership	Year of appointment	Expiry of appointment
Biological Sciences and Biotechnology			
Professor L Astheimer University of Wollongong	2008 2009	2008	31/12/2010
Professor P Bhalla The University of Melbourne	2008 2009	2008	31/12/2010
Professor B Brook The University of Adelaide	2008	2006	31/12/2008
Professor M Bull Flinders University	2009	2009	31/12/2011
Professor B Degnan The University of Queensland	2009	2009	31/12/2011
Professor M Jennings The University of Queensland	2008	2006	31/12/2008
Professor K Jones The University of Newcastle	2009	2009	31/12/2011
Professor J Martin The University of Queensland	2009	2009	31/12/2011
Professor H Marchant The Australian National University	2008	2006	31/12/2008

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Professor H Nevalainen Macquarie University	2009	2009	31/12/2011
Dr B Reichelt Genesearch Pty Ltd	2008	2006	31/12/2008
Associate Professor M Rosa Monash University	2008 2009	2007	31/12/2009
Professor R Saint (Chair 2009) The Australian National University	2008 2009	2008	31/12/2010
Associate Professor JP Scheerlinck The University of Melbourne	2008 2009	2008	31/12/2010
Associate Professor J Schwartz (Chair 2008) The University of Adelaide	2008	2006	31/12/2008
Professor S Tyerman The University of Adelaide	2008 2009	2007	31/12/2009
Professor A Weiss The University of Sydney	2008 2009	2008	31/12/2010
Professor J Whelan The University of Western Australia	2008 2009	2007	31/12/2009
Engineering and Environmental Sciences			
Professor R Amal (Chair 2009) The University of New South Wales	2008 2009	2007	31/12/2009
Professor W Cook Monash University	2008	2006	31/12/2008
Professor M Forsyth Monash University	2009	2009	31/12/2011
Mr M Kimber (Chair 2008) Consultant	2008	2006	31/12/2008
Professor I Marusic The University of Melbourne	2009	2009	31/12/2011
Professor H Possingham The University of Queensland	2008	2006	31/12/2008
Professor G Schaffer The University of Queensland	2008 2009	2007	31/12/2009
Professor R Short University of South Australia	2008 2009	2008	31/12/2010
Professor S Sloan The University of Newcastle	2008 2009	2008	31/12/2010
Dr G Steven Strand7 Pty Ltd	2009	2009	31/12/2011
Professor B Uy University of Western Sydney	2008 2009	2007	31/12/2009
Professor X Wang Deakin University	2008 2009	2008	31/12/2010
Adjunct Professor E Wolanski James Cook University	2009	2009	31/12/2011
Professor Z Xu Griffith University	2008 2009	2008	31/12/2010

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Professor A Yu The University of New South Wales	2008	2006	31/12/2008
Professor D Zhang The University of Western Australia	2008 2009	2008	31/12/2010
Humanities and Creative Arts			
Professor I Ang University of Western Sydney	2008 2009	2008	31/12/2010
Professor L Behrendt (Chair 2009) University of Technology, Sydney	2008 2009	2007	31/12/2009
Professor A Brennan La Trobe University	2008 2009	2007	31/12/2009
Professor D Coleman The University of Melbourne	2008 2009	2008	31/12/2010
Professor R Dixon The University of Sydney	2008 2009	2008	31/12/2010
Professor S Donald (Chair 2008) University of Technology, Sydney	2008	2006	31/12/2008
Professor M Farquhar Griffith University	2009	2009	31/12/2011
Professor M Finnane Griffith University	2008 2009	2008	31/12/2010
Dr M Green Museum Victoria	2008	2006	31/12/2008
Associate Professor R Hillman The Australian National University	2009	2009	31/12/2011
Professor G London The University of Western Australia	2008 2009	2008	31/12/2010
Professor C Mews Monash University	2009	2009	31/12/2011
Professor N Naffine The University of Adelaide	2008 2009	2007	31/12/2009
Associate Professor M Patterson The University of Melbourne	2008 2009	2007	31/12/2009
Professor C Smith The University of Newcastle	2009	2009	31/12/2011
Professor M Spriggs The Australian National University	2008	2006	31/12/2008
Mathematics, Information and Communication Sciences			
Professor D Abbott The University of Adelaide	2009	2009	31/12/2011
Professor P Bouwknecht The Australian National University	2009	from 9/2/2009	31/12/2009
Professor S Bouzardoum University of Wollongong	2009	2009	31/12/2011
Professor A Carey The Australian National University	2008 2009	2008	resigned effective 8/2/2009

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Professor L Faraone The University of Western Australia	2008 2009	2007	31/12/2009
Professor T Guttman The University of Melbourne	2008 2009	2008	31/12/2010
Professor D Hill The Australian National University	2008	2007	resigned 31/12/2008
Professor G McLachlan The University of Queensland	2008 2009	2008	31/12/2010
Professor W Moran The University of Melbourne	2008 2009	2007	31/12/2009
Professor L Padgham RMIT University	2009	2009	31/12/2011
Dr L Sciacca (Chair 2008 and 2009) Defence Science and Technology Organisation	2008 2009	2007	31/12/2009
Professor V Solo The University of New South Wales	2008	2007	31/12/2008
Professor D Suter The University of Adelaide	2008 2009	2008	31/12/2010
Professor B Vucetic The University of Sydney	2009	2009	31/12/2011
Mr G Wightwick IBM Australia	2008	2006	31/12/2008
Professor M Williams University of Technology, Sydney	2008	2006	31/12/2008
Professor Y Zhang Victoria University	2008 2009	2008	31/12/2010
Physics, Chemistry and Geoscience			
Professor I Bray Curtin University of Technology	2009	2009	31/12/2011
Professor A Chivas University of Wollongong	2008	2006	31/12/2008
Professor R Coleman University of Tasmania	2008 2009	2008	resigned 6/5/2009
Professor N Dixon University of Wollongong	2008 2009	2007	31/12/2009
Professor A Gerson University of South Australia	2008 2009	2008	31/12/2010
Professor K Grice Curtin University of Technology	2009	2009	31/12/2011
Professor W Griffin Macquarie University	2008 2009	2007	31/12/2009
Professor R Griffiths The Australian National University	2009	from 6/5/2009	31/12/2010
Professor A Hamilton The University of New South Wales	2009	2009	31/12/2011
Associate Professor L Hollenberg (Chair 2008) The University of Melbourne	2008	2006	31/12/2008

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Professor B Lewis The Australian National University	2008	2006	31/12/2008
Professor N Oliver James Cook University	2008	from 14/2/2008	31/12/2008
Professor C Raston The University of Western Australia	2008 2009	2007	31/12/2009
Professor M Sandiford The University of Melbourne	2009	2009	31/12/2011
Professor L Spiccia Monash University	2008 2009	2008	31/12/2010
Professor I Toth The University of Queensland	2008 2009	2008	31/12/2010
Professor R Webster (Chair 2009) The University of Melbourne	2008 2009	2007	31/12/2009
Professor A Williams The University of Adelaide	2008 2009	2008	resigned 11/7/2009
Professor C Zhang University of Wollongong	2009	from 21/6/2009	31/12/2010
Social, Behavioural and Economic Sciences			
Professor M Bell The University of Queensland	2009	2009	31/12/2011
Professor H Bloch Curtin University of Technology	2008 2009	2008	31/12/2010
Professor N Brewer Flinders University	2008	2006	31/12/2008
Professor B Comber University of South Australia	2008 2009	2008	31/12/2010
Professor S Crain Macquarie University	2008 2009	2009	31/12/2011
Dr L Dobes The Australian National University	2008	2007	31/12/2008
Professor C Fisher Bond University	2008 2009	2007	31/12/2009
Professor G Gill The University of Sydney	2008 2009	2008	31/12/2010
Professor W Griffiths The University of Melbourne	2008 2009	2007	31/12/2009
Professor P Lovibond The University of New South Wales	2009	2009	31/12/2011
Professor P McDonald The Australian National University	2008	2006	31/12/2008
Professor V Minichiello University of New England	2009	2009	31/12/2011
Professor J Piggott The University of New South Wales	2009	2009	31/12/2011
Professor M Pitts (Chair 2008 and 2009) La Trobe University	2008 2009	2007	31/12/2009

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Professor K Stacey The University of Melbourne	2009	2009	31/12/2011
Professor P Sullivan Monash University	2008	2005	31/12/2008
Professor K Thorpe Queensland University of Technology	2008 2009	2007	31/12/2009
Professor M Western The University of Queensland	2008 2009	2007	31/12/2009
Professor A Wilkinson Griffith University	2008 2009	2008	31/12/2010