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When the Researchers in Business program was first announced, it was a \$10 million program focused on bringing university researchers into individual businesses. But there seems to have been at least one extension to the program that was announced in June 2010 – when Parliamentary Secretary Marles said it had been widened to include postgrad students in maths and stats.

Can you confirm that extension - and whether any others have been made? Can you also outline how much in total in funding the Government is now committing to the Researchers in Business program?

And will listings of all of the successful applications under the program and all of its extensions still continue to appear online in the future?

ANSWER

The Australian Mathematical Sciences Institute (AMSI) grant announced on 8 June 2010 to facilitate the placement of mathematical interns into firms over three years is not an extension to, but part of the ongoing Researchers in Business element of Enterprise Connect.

The Enterprise Connect Program has a single ongoing appropriation and all services and assistance are managed within that single appropriation.

Yes.