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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INNOVATION, INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

TOPIC: STRENGTHEN INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIVE RELATIONSHIPS AND RESEARCH OUTCOMES

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On page 59 of the PBS for 2011-12, increasing the number of projects reporting strengthened international collaborative relationships and research outcomes is identified as one of the Department's goals. How is that measured?

ANSWER

The recipients of funds for international collaborative projects under the International Science Linkages (ISL) program terminated 30 June 2011, the Australia- India Strategic and Research Fund (AISRF) and the Australia-China Science and Research Fund (ACSRF) are required to report on:

- the number of papers accepted for publication in peer review journals or conference proceedings;
- the number of new collaborations;
- the number of patents and triadic patents developed as a result of the project;
- the number of products, services or applications of technology; and
- the number of medical breakthroughs.

Projects are asked to directly report on their strengthened international relationships as a result of the project.

Commonwealth-ANU strategic relationship

The institutions established under the Commonwealth-ANU strategic relationship report annually against the following measures:

Australian National Institute for Public Policy (ANIPP) and HC Coombs Policy Forum

- progress on development of partnerships with international institutions; and
- the number of international fellowships hosted.

National Security College (NSC)

- international recognition of NSC's research program,
- partnerships with overseas security agencies,
- the numbers of
 - international participants in NSC courses,
 - joint publications with international partners,
 - peer-reviewed publications in international journals,
 - speeches and lectures at international events,
 - visits to overseas organisations, and
 - collaborations with overseas organisations.

Australian Centre on China in the World (CIW)

- the numbers of
 - international workshops hosted by CIW,
 - visits to overseas institutions,
 - speeches and lectures at international events, and
 - new organisations collaborating with CIW.

Higher Education Support Act 2003 - Higher Education Research Promotion

The four learned academies report annually on their activities and how the outcomes have met the Higher Education Research Promotion (HERP) objectives.

One of the objectives of the HERP funding to the learned academies is to support relationships with international communities including exchange programs and joint research programs. This objective does not apply to other organisations eligible under HERP.