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TOPIC: SUPER SCIENCE FELLOWSHIPS

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Colbeck

QUESTION No.: SI-153

1. How much funding has been allocated specifically to the Super Science Fellowships, and how much has already been spent or committed?
2. How much of the funding for the Super Science Fellowships is provided directly to the recipients and how much is spent on administration?
3. Is the expenditure on the Super Science Fellowships drawn from the ARC's funding in the Budget or from the line items for Super Science, or both – and, if so, how much from each?

ANSWER

1. A total of \$29.7 million over five years (2009–10 to 2013–14) was allocated to the *Super Science Fellowships* scheme.
2. Of the total, \$28.9 million was allocated to the recipients of Super Science Fellowships. The entire amount has been committed.
3. The ARC was provided with \$0.8 million over four years for administration of the *Super Science Fellowships* scheme. Expenditure on the Super Science Fellowships is drawn from the ARC's funding in the Budget.