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

TOPIC: ANU FUNDING

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QUESTION no.: SI-99

How many different measures in the Innovation, Industry, Science and Research portfolio provide funding to ANU, and what is the total amount of that funding over the forward estimates? How much of this funding is already committed, and how much remains uncommitted?

ANSWER

The Portfolio has 10 measures which provide funding to the ANU. One of these measures includes a range of programs under the Higher Education Support Act (HESA), which provides research funding to eligible universities, including the ANU. Total funding under HESA over the forward estimates is \$5.6 billion. The specific funding allocations for HESA recipients are only determined one calendar year in advance. As such the Department is unable to provide the amount of funding committed to the ANU over the forward estimates for this measure. Funding is also provided to the ANU through the funding schemes of the Australian Research Council's National Competitive Grants Program. In addition, the Department has eight other measures which provide funding to the ANU. Details of the Portfolio's measures are as follows:

Measure	Total Funding (2012-13 to 2014-15) \$m	Commitments to ANU (2012-13 to 2014-15) \$m
International Education and Training (Australia-India Strategic Research Fund)	24.4	0.1
Super Science - Future Industries	85.5	8.0
Giant Magellan Telescope	29.3	29.3
National Enabling Technologies Strategy	4.3	0.2
Australian Space Science Program	14.2	1.3
Procurement strategy - strengthening the Australian Industry Participation National Framework and streamlining AusTender	3.5	0.0
Commonwealth Australian National University Strategic Relationship	7.4	7.4
Australian Astronomical Observatory	4.5	0.7
Higher Education Support Act	5,611.9	TBC
National Competitive Grants Program (Australian Research Council)	2,662.2	118.7
TOTAL	8,447.2	165.7