

**Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education Portfolio  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** AUSTRALIAN RESEARCH COUNCIL (ARC)

**TOPIC:** Industrial Transformation Research Program funding

**REFERENCE:** Question on Notice (Hansard, 17 October 2012, pages 25-26)

**QUESTION No.:** SI-194

**Senator MASON:** In regard to the Industrial Transformation Research Program, the original announcement was for \$250 million—is that right?

**Prof. Byrne:** A little less than that, but, yes, that is about right.

**Senator MASON:** I think it has been subsequently reduced to \$236 million. Is that right?

**Prof. Byrne:** I think the correct amount was always the \$236 million and the other amount, or the difference, is the appropriation into the department to administer the program.

**Senator MASON:** Okay. The appropriation to administer the grant itself; I understand. Was that \$236 million over the forward estimates or some other time frame?

**Prof. Byrne:** It was over the forward estimates.

**Senator MASON:** Can you tell me how that amount was going to be spread over the duration of the program year by year?

**Prof. Byrne:** I will take that on notice because there is some detail in there and it is over a number of years.

**Senator MASON:** You cannot give the committee a rough indicator?

**Prof. Byrne:** A rough indication would be approximately equally over that time.

**Senator MASON:** Equally?

**Prof. Byrne:** As a rough indication.

**Senator MASON:** It has been formed out of the existing ARC Linkage program's funding?

**Prof. Byrne:** That is correct.

**Senator MASON:** Therefore, in the ARC budget it was not listed as a line item but the money set aside for it would be included under the overall Linkage budget. Is that right?

**Prof. Byrne:** I think that would be correct, yes.

**ANSWER**

On the 17 October 2012, during the hearing the Australian Research Council tabled the 'Current ARC Scheme Rounds' and the 'Administered funding for the Industrial Transformation Research Program'.