

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

**SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
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Senator Carr asked on 18 February 2004, EWRE Hansard p. 28-29.

Question:

Can you take this question on notice: What implications are there for the FTA in regard to the support for researchers, both in this country and in the United States? Does this agreement have any implications for the capacity of researchers in the United States to apply for funding here? That is the first issue. The second issue goes to the question of the intellectual property provisions of the FTA. Have you had any assessment on that issue?

Can you provide me with information – obviously you will now be seeking briefings – on the implications for the intellectual property provisions of the FTA and how they might affect Australia researchers and research projects, and what is the United States involvement?

Answer:

International collaboration with the United States

ARC has provided the following response:

The ARC is seeking advice from a number of Government Agencies. When this advice is available, the ARC will provide the Committee with the ARC's assessment of the impact of the FTA on research.