

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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Senator Carr asked on 18 February 2004, EWRE Hansard page 19:

Question:

Could you provide details of your staff's analysis of the AVCC report Advancing Australia's abilities: foundations for the future of research in Australia?

Answer:

Analysis of AVCC report

The AVCC report "Advancing Australia's Abilities" was considered by the Department as part of its role in monitoring the views of key stakeholders involved in research and innovation.

The key points made by the AVCC in the report were that:

- the sector faces considerable challenges to maintain and develop their individual strategic research goals due to the lack or decrease in research funds;
- there is a need for more private investment in research;
- all Governments (State and Federal) need to invest more in research;
- the Government should develop a new framework as a follow up package to BAA and the evaluation of the Knowledge and Innovation reforms.