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Senator Carr asked on 16 February 2005, EWRE Hansard page 17.

Question:

Senator Carr – I am just thinking about the numbers of recommendations you have made to the minister, in the period when he has been the minister. He has chosen to reject three in humanities, and you do not want to tell me which three they are.

Dr Walker – I think the numbers you indicated were more or less correct.

Senator Carr – You do not want to tell me which three they are?

Professor Høj – We would prefer not to.

Senator Carr – I ask you to put that on notice, and I want to know the reasons why you will not provide that information.

Professor Høj – We will take that on notice.

Senator Carr – Will you take that on notice and provide reasons as to why you will not provide that information to this committee?

Professor Høj – Yes, and I have indicated to you that we believe that we need to protect the identity of the unsuccessful applicants.

Answer:

Details of recommendations rejected by the Minister

The ARC has provided the following response:

The ARC would prefer not to make public the details of the three applications where the Minister did not accept the recommendations to approve funding.

While the ARC reports offers or awards of funding, details of unsuccessful applications are kept confidential. The ARC believes that the release of these details may adversely affect the researchers involved, including their professional standing.