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Senator Carr asked on 14 February 2007, EWRE Hansard page 13.

Question:

Submission to the Productivity Commission

Senator CARR—I see. I will return to the submission to the Productivity Commission. Can you tell me how many other countries mandate open access to research papers?

Prof. Papadakis—I do not think one can look at it in terms of countries but rather funding agencies and different schemes. I do not recall exactly which ones there were, but they are definitely in the tiny minority at this stage.

Senator CARR—Can you take on notice which ones that you are aware—

Prof. Papadakis—Yes. The mandating may also happen in a particular way. In other words, a funding agency may mandate that all publications arising from a project should be placed in that agency's repository. It does not necessarily mean that they mandate that they be placed somewhere where you and I can access them. So there are different levels of what is meant by 'mandate'.

Answer:

ARC has provided the following response:

The ARC is aware that the following funding agencies mandate some form of access to research outputs from specified repositories:

- the Wellcome Trust, UK; and
- five of the eight Research Councils UK:
 - Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council;
 - Economic and Social Research Council;
 - Medical Research Council;
 - Natural Environment Research Council; and
 - Particle Physics and Astronomy Research Council.