

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Question

Research and Strategic Engagement

1. What are the roles and responsibilities of the Research and Strategic Engagement branch in the Department of Education?
2. What programs is the Research and Strategic Engagement branch in the Department of Education responsible for?

Answer

1. The Branch, which was previously called "Research and Strategic Engagement" is now called "Research Funding and Policy". It has responsibility for the functions listed below. Please note: some functions previously the responsibility of the Research and Strategic Engagement Branch have moved to the Higher Education Group. These are responsibilities for Financial analysis and Superannuation and Strategic engagement with the higher education sector.
2. The Branch is responsible for managing the following programs and activities:
 - Research Infrastructure Block Grants (RIBG)
 - Research Training Scheme (RTS)
 - Joint Research Engagement (JRE)
 - JRE Engineering Cadetships
 - Australian Postgraduate Awards (APA)
 - International Postgraduate Research Scholarships (IPRS)
 - Sustainable Research Excellence (SRE)
 - the Higher Education Research Data Collection (HERDC) and the Australian Competitive Grants Register (ACGR)
 - Collaborative Research Networks (CRN)
 - ANU Strategic Relationship including
 - o Australian National Institute of Public Policy (ANIPP)
 - o National Security College (NSC)
 - o Australian Centre of China in the World (CIW)
 - Support for the Learned Academies through the Higher Education Research Promotion program (HERP)
 - University-based research and research training policy, including policy and performance of the research block grants and research training arrangements
 - Approaches to research impact assessment