

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

### SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2003-2004 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 1  
Output Group: 1

#### DEST Question No. E033\_04

Senator Carr asked on 5 June 2003, EWRE Hansard page 438:

#### Question:

What was the strike rate on the large grants? Can you compare the large grants programs from 2001 back to 1997?

#### Answer:

##### *Research Grants*

The ARC has provided the following response.

Success rates of applications under the ARC Large Research Grants and Fellowships programs (for initial funding in the years 1997 to 2001) are provided in the table below. Success rates of the first two years of funding under the Discovery-Projects program (2002 and 2003) are also provided.

Program	Year of initial funding						
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Large Research Grants	21.2	20.2	20.7	22.0	23.7		
Research Fellowships	11.9	12.0	13.7	14.6	14.3		
Discovery-Projects (NCGP)*						25.5	25.8

\* Project grants and fellowships are combined under the Discovery-Projects element of the National Competitive Grants Program (NCGP).

As indicated in the Chief Executive Officer's advice of 18 June 2003 to the Secretary of the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Committee, the first year of applications under the new National Competitive Grants Program was 2001. The first funding (and therefore funding success rates) under the NCGP occurred in 2002.

The success rate of 21.1 per cent provided during the hearing was a combined success rate in 2001 for Large Grants and Fellowships, the predecessor schemes to the Discovery-Projects program.