

Western Australia

Murdoch University

FT0991741 Dr M Bunce

Approved Project Title **An inventory of past biodiversity in Western Australia using ancient DNA.**

Project Title

2009 : \$ 85,800

2010 : \$ 171,600

2011 : \$ 171,600

2012 : \$ 171,600

2013 : \$ 85,800

Primary RFCD 2707 ECOLOGY AND EVOLUTION

Administering Organisation Murdoch University

Project Summary

Fossil bones and museum skins are genetic time capsules that facilitate the exploration of Australia's past biodiversity. Travelling back in 'genetic time' provides important insights into how ecosystems functioned prior to the arrival of Europeans and the feral species that accompanied them. This funding will facilitate research into the genetic heritage of endangered WA species such as Woylies and Cockatoos. Native species face increasing pressures from climate change and invasive species. Compiling a genetic inventory of WA's past biodiversity will assist in developing scientifically sound conservation management responses. Such approaches are critically important if this biodiversity hotspot is to be preserved for future generations.

FT0991885 Dr VR Hadiz

Approved Project Title **State, Class and Islamic Populism: Indonesia in Comparative Perspective**

Project Title

2009 : \$ 111,400

2010 : \$ 222,800

2011 : \$ 222,800

2012 : \$ 222,800

2013 : \$ 111,400

Primary RFCD 3601 POLITICAL SCIENCE

Administering Organisation Murdoch University

Project Summary

This study will provide a different basis for the assessment of Australian policy responses to Islamic radicalism in Indonesia. It will expose the social foundations of Islamic populism as a particular expression of political Islam and in so doing allow the Australian public and policymakers to understand the complex networks and relationships that generate and sustain Islamic populism, including its radical streams. It will enable an identification and differentiation of the social forces resisting or advancing democratic governance reforms in Indonesia. With this knowledge, programmes intended to help develop domestic pro-democratic coalitions to stem the rise of radical Islamic groups have a sounder social scientific base.