

# APPENDIX 6

## MINISTERIAL DIRECTIONS, 2001–02



MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING  
THE HON DR BRENDAN NELSON MP

### DIRECTION PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION 7(1) OF THE AUSTRALIAN RESEARCH COUNCIL ACT 2001

I, BRENDAN JOHN NELSON, the Minister for Education, Science and Training, make the following directions to the Board of the Australian Research Council under subsection 7(1) of the Australian Research Council Act 2001 ("the Act"):

- (a) For the allocation of funds under the National Competitive Grants Programme administered by the Australian Research Council for the 2003 funding round (extending from 1 January 2003 to 31 December 2007) the following areas of research are designated as priority areas of research:
  1. Nano-materials and Bio-materials
  2. Genome/Phenome Research
  3. Complex/Intelligent Systems
  4. Photon Science and Technology
- (b) The Australian Research Council must perform its functions under the Act, including the functions of making recommendations to the Minister in relation to funding proposals and the administration of regimes of financial assistance under Part 7 of the Act, so as to ensure that no less than 33% of the total funds allocated to research programs under the National Competitive Grants Programme in the 2003 funding round will be allocated to priority area research programs.
- (c) Priority area research programs are research programs that are principally focussed upon a topic or outcome that falls within one or more designated priority areas of research.

BRENDAN JOHN NELSON  
Minister for Education, Science and Training

Dated this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January 2002