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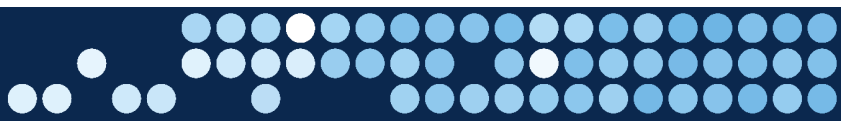
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Introduction

The Australian Research Council (ARC), on behalf of the Office of National Intelligence (ONI) is conducting grant management for the National Intelligence and Security Discovery Research Grants (NISDRG) program. In 2025, the Office of National Intelligence (ONI) rebranded the NISDRG Program to **National Intelligence Discovery Grants** (NIDG) program to reflect a refined focus on the Intelligence Challenges.

The NIDG program continues the aims of NISDRG to enhance systematic engagement between Australia's National Intelligence Community and Australia's research and technology community.

To ensure that the NIDG program achieves the objectives and intended outcomes, all awarded grants are required to provide periodic progress updates against set Program focused Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) as well as performance measures that help demonstrate how a Project is progressing. KPIs must be set for each Project against the standard Program KPIs, and performance measures when the grant commences using a KPI form (KPI Report) in RMS.

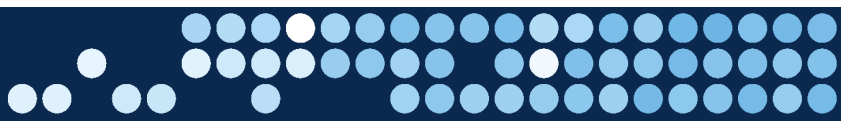
Following the acceptance of the KPI Report by RGS, Progress Reports will be submitted twice yearly to advise the progress of the Project against the performance goals set in the KPI Report to reflect the grants achievements. It is important to note that KPIs and progress reporting are only one measure of progress and will be reviewed in context with other reports, outreach, and engagement activities.

All grant management activities, including the submission of variations and grant reporting, must be completed within the ONI RMS Portal - <https://rmsoni.researchgrants.gov.au> unless otherwise advised by RGS.

Upon submission of a Progress Report by an Administering Organisation (AO), the Research Grants Services (RGS) team will review the submitted report against the targets in the KPI Report. The progress of the Project should reflect the aims, activities and anticipated outcomes as outlined in the original application. Progress Reports will also be made available to ONI.

Note: The KPIs submitted in the original KPI report will not continue past the original grant period. If your grant is extended, or there is a gap in project activity, please respond to the relevant questions in the Progress Report to note significant variances to the original targets.

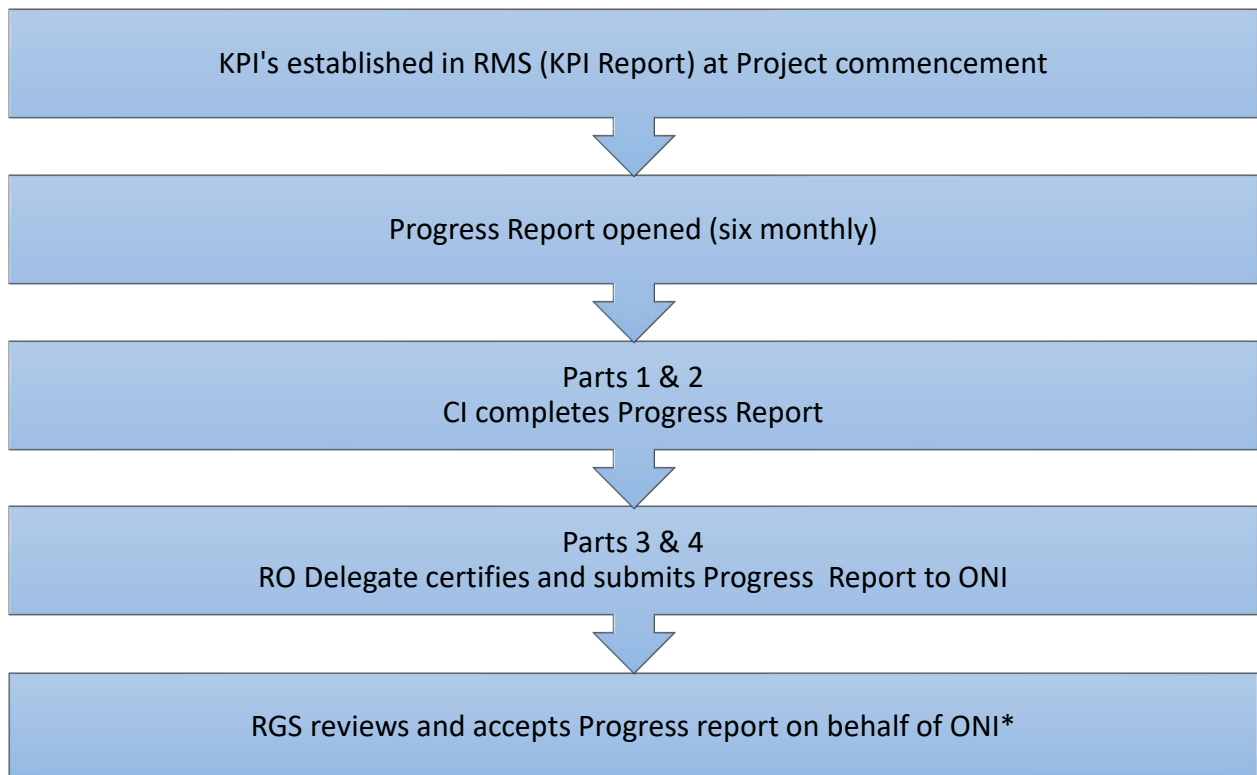
The following instructions provide information for the entry and submission of Progress Reports into the available RMS report.



Key Points

- The target audience for this user guide is Lead Chief Investigators (CI) and Research Office (RO) staff for NISDRG and NIDG awarded grants
- KPI's are established by Project teams at the beginning of the Project
- Progress Reports are only one measure used to monitor project progress
- Progress reports will be opened each year for the Lead CI to complete in:
 - February (reporting period for previous July – December)
 - August (reporting period for previous January – June)
- An AO RO Delegate is required to certify and submit the Progress Report by the due date. Extensions will not be allowed unless approved by the RGS team prior to the due date.
- The RGS team will review the submitted report against the targets in the KPI Report. Progress Reports will also be made available to ONI.

Summary of Workflow



**The RGS team may request clarification or amendments prior to acceptance on behalf of ONI.*

Quick Reference

PART 1 – [Locate the Progress Report within RMS](#)

Progress Reports are available within the ONI RMS Portal - <https://rmsoni.researchgrants.gov.au>

PART 2 – [Complete the Progress Report](#)

The Progress Report must be completed by the Lead CI. All Progress Report details for the Project should reflect the aims, activities and anticipated outcomes as outlined in the original application.

The form will display with form part (headings) coloured Red as there are mandatory questions requiring a response. Mandatory questions will have a red outline, some questions will be optional and will not include a red outline. Please ensure these questions are reviewed and answered if they apply to your projects progress.

- **Part A – [Project Update](#)**

This section is designed to provide ONI a snapshot of the Projects administrative activities including any changes to the project team, recruitment of personnel, an estimate of the projects current expenditure and the current research findings.

- **Part B – [Grant Personnel](#)**

This section will advise ONI of the personnel engaged to work on the project including a statistical table noting the total number of personnel engaged to the project, and the name and role of the engaged personnel.

- **Part C – [Grant Outreach](#)**

This category includes a statistical table noting the total number of engagements the project team has presented to the Australian Government, industry and business, and Australia's National Intelligence and Security Communities, and any funding received to advance the research.

- **Part D – [Research Outputs](#)**

This section of the report includes a statistical table noting the total number of outputs produced by the project, the quality of those outputs and a copy of outputs submitted for publication.

PART 3 – [Submit to the RO](#)

Once all mandatory fields have been completed, and the CI is satisfied that all details have been accurately entered, the report will be submitted to the RO Delegate for review.

PART 4 – [RO Certification and Submission](#)

The Research Office will review the report prior to certifying and submitting the report to ONI.

If edits are required after submission to ONI, a request to de-submit the Progress Report must be made to the RGS team by emailing arc-nisdrgr@arc.gov.au.

Note: For further information and guidance regarding a question, hover over this icon  in the Progress Report form

PART 1 – Locate the Progress Report within RMS

The projects Lead Chief Investigator (CI) listed in RMS will complete the Progress Report, in the ONI RMS Portal - <https://rmsoni.researchgrants.gov.au>.

From the Action Centre select the 'Grant Reports' link from the *Grant Management* module.

The screenshot shows the RMS interface. The 'Applicant Applications' section includes a 'Create Draft Application' button and a list of links: 'Draft Applications', 'Request not to Assess', 'Applications', and 'Rejoinders'. The 'Applicant Grant Management' section has a red box around the 'Grant Reports' link. The 'Person Profile' section lists various details like 'Personal Details', 'Expertise and Fields of Research', 'Qualifications', 'Employment', 'Availability', 'Current ONI Grants', and 'Research Outputs'.

From the report drop down menu locate the report for the current period (ONI Progress Report Year January – June or July – December). The progress report reporting period will be the six months prior to the report completion period.

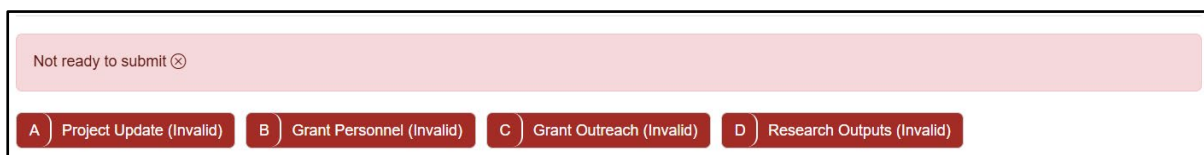
This screenshot shows the 'Report' selection interface. A red box highlights the 'Report' dropdown menu, which is set to 'ONI Progress Report FY 2025 / 2'. Below the dropdown, it says 'Showing 1 of 1 grant reports.' A table lists the report details:

Grant	Chief Investigator	Title	Report Status	Last Status Change	
NI2101000000	Lead Investigator	Title of the Project	Draft	02/07/26 09:43 AM	Form

Once the current, open report has been selected, press the 'Form' button to begin completing the report.

This screenshot is identical to the previous one, but with a red box around the 'Form' button in the table row, indicating the next step in the process.

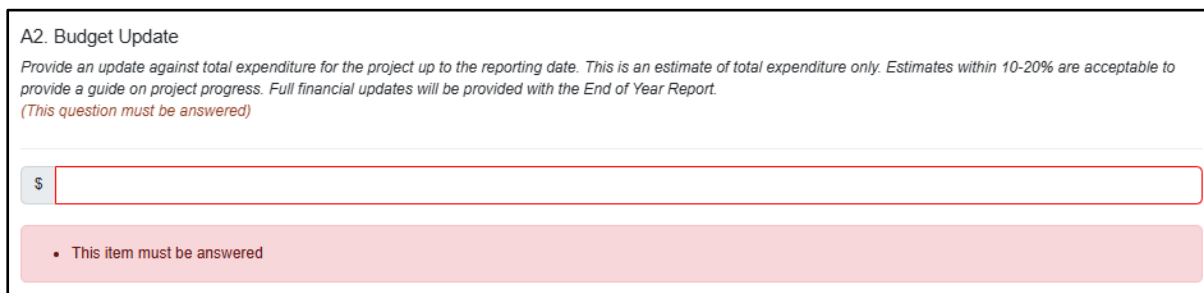
The form will display with form parts (headings) coloured Red as there are mandatory questions requiring a response.



Not ready to submit ☹️

A Project Update (Invalid) B Grant Personnel (Invalid) C Grant Outreach (Invalid) D Research Outputs (Invalid)

Mandatory questions will have a red outline and a message *This item must be answered*, some questions may be optional and will not include a red outline. Please ensure these questions are reviewed and answered if they apply to your projects progress.



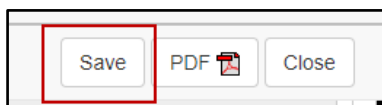
A2. Budget Update

Provide an update against total expenditure for the project up to the reporting date. This is an estimate of total expenditure only. Estimates within 10-20% are acceptable to provide a guide on project progress. Full financial updates will be provided with the End of Year Report.
(This question must be answered)

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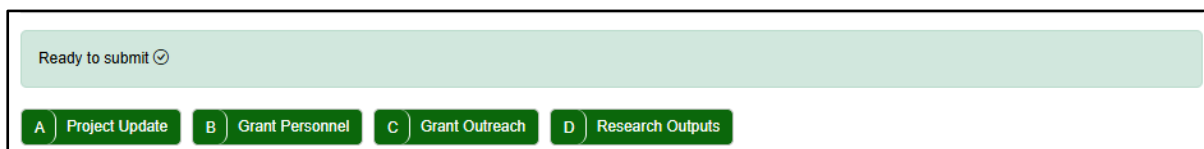
• This item must be answered

As you Progress through the Report don't forget to save the form. RMS will time-out after a period of time, if you do not select Save the information you have entered may be lost. The save button is located at the top of the form. We recommend saving the form as each Form Part is completed at a minimum.



Save PDF Close

Once all mandatory questions within a form part are completed the Form Parts (headings) will turn Green. Once all form parts are green and the report has been reviewed it can be submitted to the Research Office for review.



Ready to submit ☺️

A Project Update B Grant Personnel C Grant Outreach D Research Outputs

PART 2 – Complete the Progress Report

The Progress Report is intended to capture the **current** progress against the specified categories. Sections of the Progress Report will populate with the targets previously submitted in the KPI Report. The current Progress Report tables will demonstrate the progress of the Project against those KPI targets since the commencement of the project.

Mandatory fields within the report will be flagged with a red outline. A response is required in each mandatory field to validate the form, a zero ('0') must be entered in the statistical tables if an item has not been produced for the category.

Select 'Save' at the top of the form regularly during the completion of the report.

Part A - Project Update

This section is designed to provide ONI a snapshot of the Projects administrative activities including any changes to the project team, recruitment of personnel, an estimate of the projects current expenditure and the current research findings.

A1. Administrative Update

This is a free text box to enable you to provide ONI an update on the administration of the project. Including but not limited to:

- Progress against administrative arrangements (e.g. ethics approvals, governance arrangements, MIAs etc.);
- Details of any security incidents encountered (e.g. data breach from hackers, unsolicited request for project information, cyber security incident);
- Progress against recruitment activities, including any personnel commencing or leaving the project;
- Any anticipated changes to personnel (e.g. named CIs or PIs moving to another university or retiring);
- Any anticipated requests for project variations (e.g. end date extensions, project completing earlier than expected, change to Partner Organisation contributions);
- Unforeseen events that could cause project delays
- Anything else regarding your project that you would like to discuss with ONI or the ARC.

A1. Administration

(Provide an update on the administration of the project. Include:

- Progress against recruitment activities, including any un-named personnel commencing or leaving the project;*
- Any anticipated changes to personnel (e.g. named CIs or PIs moving to another university or retiring);*
- Progress against administrative arrangements (e.g. ethics approvals, governance arrangements, MIAs etc.);*
- Details of any security incidents encountered (e.g. data breach from hackers, unsolicited request for project information, cyber security incident);*
- Any anticipated requests for project variations (e.g. end date extensions, project completing earlier than expected, personnel changes, change to Partner Organisation contributions);*
- Anything else regarding your project that you feel needs to be flagged with ONI or the ARC.*

(This question must be answered)

While 2 honours students have been recruited we are struggling to find an appropriate post doc specialising in quantum mechanics that meets the eligibility requirements. We will be opening up another recruitment round from January to February and expect to be reviewing

CI Prof Lastname will be moving from Commonwealth University to Australia University commencing 1/1/2028, but will remain working on the project at the same FTE contribution. Prof Lastname's supervisory commitments for students working on the project will be transferred to CI Prof Surname who remains at Commonwealth University. No other changes are anticipated to named personnel who all remain fully committed to the project.

All administrative arrangements are in place, no ethics approvals are required as this does not involve human or animal research.

The number of peer reviewed publications produced to date is slightly behind anticipated targets due to a longer than anticipated peer review process. We expect the number of publications will meet targets over the life of the project, if slightly behind originally forecast timelines. All other measures are on track with instances of outreach activities in particular far exceeding original targets.

No significant issues are encountered beyond issues with recruitment described above.

No security incidents were encountered during the period.

At this stage we do not anticipate any variations or extensions, however if there is continued difficulty in recruiting an appropriate post doc we may need to discuss whether aspects of the project planned to be undertaken by the post doc will be delayed and we may need to discuss the possibility of an extension or implementation of other mitigation activities.

A highlight for the period was Firstname Lastname received the Research Excellence award at the International Conference for Industrial Research for their paper on Research Areas.

1926 characters. 2000 characters maximum.

Sample Administrative update

A2. Budget Update

ONI have requested Projects provide an indicative update of Grant expenditure in each Progress Report. This should be an estimate of the projects total expenditure from project commencement to the end of the reporting period. Estimates within 10-20% are acceptable as this update is to provide ONI a guide on project progress only.

Note: The Administering Organisations Research Office Finance area will provide an actual update of the expenditure annually in the End of Year report.

This is a currency field. Enter the total estimated project expenditure from project commencement to the end of the reporting period.

A2. Budget Update

Provide an update against total expenditure for the project up to the reporting date. This is an estimate of total expenditure only. Estimates within 10-20% are acceptable to provide a guide on project progress. Full financial updates will be provided with the End of Year Report.

(This question must be answered)

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Sample Project expenditure

A3. Provide a high-level update on the progress of the research

This question will provide ONI an update on your research activities, progress and results. Upload a PDF of up to 2-pages of the research, you may include text and images to demonstrate the research findings, this may include progress against work packages and achievements against relevant challenges.

To upload a Pdf select *Choose file*, select the file from your shared-drive and select *Upload*. The PDF should be a maximum of **two pages**.

A5. Provide a high level update on the progress of the research

(Please upload a PDF of up to two pages. Include:

- Progress against work packages*
- Any significant findings or developments)*

(This question must be answered)

Please upload a detailed update of the project research (Max 2 pages)

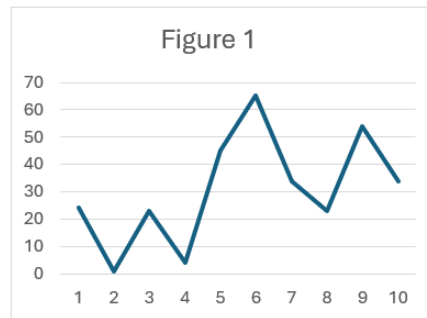
Choose File

No file chosen

Upload

Since 1 January 2026 we have completed the development and preliminary testing of the antenna from the new material developed under phase 1 of the project and have focussed on...

While the completion of testing has been delayed due to minor recalibrations required in the initial setup due to..., the antenna is now operating as expected and we anticipate moving to testing across the full spectrum through the remainder of the 2026 calendar year. Measurements from the preliminary testing, covering a limited spectrum (Figure 1), demonstrate that...



Development of the upgraded calibration tool to support efficient field deployment is progressing and is at the stage of... There was an unexpected outcome in... which has garnered interest from...

A paper was presented to the Annual Research Conference on the materials development process undertaken in phase 1 of the project. The paper focused on...

Sample Project Update

A4. Performance Measures

Performance Measures allow the CI to report on the specific Performance measures advised in the KPI Report. This section will import a table of the performance measures specific to the project entered in the KPI Report.

To view the measure type and yearly benchmarks expected to be achieved, select the Show/Hide button.

A3. Performance Measures			
NISDRG KPI Report (Closed: 24/05/2022 10:00 AM)			
Performance Measure	Description	Measure Type	Action
Number of data sources	Number of data sources utilised by AI model.	Quantitative KPI Measure	Show
Number of stakeholder engagements	Number of positive stakeholder engagements leading to contributions to direct engagement with the model.	Quantitative KPI Measure	Show
Ability of AI model to facilitate intelligence collection	AI model is performing with a high degree of accuracy and drawing relevant insights from data.	Qualitative KPI Measure	Hide
Specific KPI	Ability of AI model to facilitate intelligence collection		
Description	AI model is performing with a high degree of accuracy and drawing relevant insights from data.		
Measure Type	Qualitative KPI Measure		
Qualitative Measure	Year 1	Completed design of model for identification of relevant data and collection into AI analysis process.	
	Year 2	Model developed and tested in lab conditions. Paper published on results.	
	Year 3	AI lab insights tested with intelligence community. Model tested in live environment.	

Sample Performance Measures

A4 Performance Measure Update

Performance Measures Update

The first time the report is completed, Performance Measures will need to be copied from the table above. For subsequent reports Performance Measures will be imported from the previous Progress Report.

Select Add Row, copy each Performance Measure from the table above.

Provide progress against each of the Performance Measures below. If you would like to provide ONI further information of each measure, please attach a PDF with the details.

Note: This table will auto-populate into the next Progress Report.
(This question must be answered)

NISDRG KPI Report (Closed: 24/05/2022 10:00 AM)

Populate from Report

Current Report

Performance Measure	Status and Summary of Performance Measure	Actions
Add Row		

To answer this question for the first time from Current Report select *Add Row*.

From the Performance Measure table above, copy the first performance measure, and paste the performance measure into the pop-up box, select OK.

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Please enter the custom name

Number of Data Sources

Cancel OK

Populate from Previous Report

Provide the status and a brief update of the KPI. If further information is available a PDF can be uploaded.

NISDRG KPI Report (Closed: 24/05/2022 10:00 AM)

Populate from Report

Current Report

Performance Measure	Status and Summary of Performance Measure	Actions
Number of data sources	AI data sources: >8 million	PDF icon dropdown icon

Add Row

To upload a PDF Select the *PDF icon* from Actions.

Select Choose file, locate the file and select Upload

PDF upload for 'Number of data sources utilised in AI model'

Choose File No file chosen Upload

Complete these steps for each KPI.

The information contained in this table will copy across to the next progress report.

In subsequent reports, select the activated *Populate from Report* button.

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Performance Measure	Status and Summary of Performance Measure	Actions
Number of Data sources	Number of Data sources utilised by AI model	[Icon] [v] [^] [x]
Number of stakeholder engagements	Number of positive stakeholder engagements leading to contributions to direct engagement with the model	[Icon] [v] [^] [x]

Populate from Report

NISDRG KPI Report (Closed: 24/05/2022 10:00 AM)

Populate from Report

Current Report

Performance Measure	Status and Summary of Performance Measure	Actions
Add Row		

A pop-up box will appear. Select Ok to populate the *Current Report* table

Copying the values from the previous report will override any values that have been entered into the Current Report. Do you wish to continue?

Cancel **OK**

The Current table will populate with the data saved in the previous report including the PDF if uploaded.

The *Status and Summary of Performance Measure* field will be editable, where you will be able to update the status and progress of the performance measure as the research progresses. A PDF can be uploaded if required as detailed above.

Performance Measure	Status and Summary of Performance Measure	pdf
Number of data sources	AI data sources: >8 million	
Number of stakeholder engagements	We have delivered 3 workshops which is 1 behind target to date.	
Ability of AI model to facilitate intelligence collection	Model has been successfully tested in lab conditions	

Sample Performance Measure table

Part B - Grant Personnel

This section is intended to show the Project's ability to build capacity and capability by supporting researchers, fostering research trainees and engaging non-academic participants.

B1. Grant Personnel

The statistical table will import the personnel targets from your KPI Report. In the *Current Report* table enter the total number of personnel recruited to the project since commencement whether they are engaged/paid by the Grant, the Administering Organisation or a partnering organisation.

To validate the table, a zero should be entered if there are no personnel recruited for the category.

Note: The targets from the *KPI Report* are not editable. Once all fields in the *Current Report* table are entered, the red outlined fields of the *KPI Report* section will clear.

B1. Grant Personnel

This question demonstrates the grant's ability to build capacity and capability. Personnel should be entered as a numeral and reflect the total number of personnel, not named as CIs or PIs, engaged to work on the project to date.

For example, list personnel engaged to work on the project whether paid by the Project (ONI), the Administering Organisation or a Participating Organisation.

(This question must be answered)

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Total

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Honours Student	2	2	2
Higher Degree Research Student	2	0	0
Post-Doctoral Fellow	2	0	0
Non-Academic Participants	1	1	1
Total	7	3	3

Current Report

Honours Student	Total of all un-named project personnel
Higher Degree Research Student	
Post-Doctoral Fellow	
Non-Academic Participants	
Total	

• All items must be answered

B2. Engaged Personnel

Here you will list all personnel (except named CIs and PIs) recruited to the project from commencement whether they are engaged/paid by the Grant, the administering organisation or participating organisations.

During recruitment the ONI [Personnel Declaration](#) form (located on the Grants Services website) and associated documents should have been forwarded to ONI for vetting, therefore they do not need to be uploaded to the Progress Report.

To answer this question for the first time, from Current Report select *Add Row*.

List of Unnamed Personnel

Please select Add Row to list all personnel engaged to work on this project whether paid by the project (ONI), the Administering Organisation or a Participating Organisation. Named CIs or PIs are not required to be listed.

The Personnel Declaration form for each person should have been forwarded to ONI for verification.

Note: This table will auto-populate into the next Progress Report and can be edited to reflect updated end dates or other details for each personnel. (This question must be answered)

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Populate from Report

Current Report

Personnel Name	Role (PhD / RA / Post Doc etc)	Start Date	End Date	Paid by Project (ONI) or participating organisation	Actions
Add Row					

In the pop-up box enter the name of the engaged/recruited personnel.

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Please enter the custom name

Cancel OK

Complete the table with the persons role, start/end date and affiliated organisation. Select *Add Row* to enter additional personnel recruited to the project.

Current Report

Personnel Name	Role (PhD / RA / Post Doc etc)	Start Date	End Date	Paid by Project (ONI) or participating organisation	Actions
Firstname Lastname	Post doc	1/1/2023	TBA	ONI grant funding	▼ ▲ ✕
Personalname Familyname	Phd	6/7/2024	30/12/2025	Commonwealth University scholarship with ONI top up	▼ ▲ ✕
Firstname Surname	Post doc	6/7/2025	TBA	Commonwealth University	▼ ▲ ✕
Firstname Lastname2	Non-academic personnel (lab tech)	12/8/2024	6/7/2026	Australia University	▼ ▲ ✕

Add Row

Sample Engaged Personnel

The information contained in this table will copy across to the next progress report.

In subsequent reports, select the activated *Populate from Report* button.

ONi Progress Report FY 2025 / 2026 January - June

Personnel Name	Role (PhD / RA / Post Doc etc)	Start Date	End Date	Paid by Project (ONi) or participating organisation
Firstname Lastname	Post doc	1/1/2023	TBA	ONi grant funding
Personalname Familyname	Phd	6/7/2024	30/12/2025	Commonwealth University scholarship with ONi top up
Firstname Surname	Post doc	6/7/2025	TBA	Commonwealth University
Firstname Lastname2	Non-academic personnel (lab tech)	12/8/2024	6/7/2026	Australia University

Populate from Report

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Populate from Report

Current Report

Personnel Name	Role (PhD / RA / Post Doc etc)	Start Date	End Date	Paid by Project (ONi) or participating organisation	Actions
Add Row					

A pop-up box will appear. Select *OK* to populate the *Current Report* table.

Copying the values from the previous report will override any values that have been entered into the Current Report. Do you wish to continue?

Cancel **OK**

The Current Report table will populate with the data saved in the previous report.

ONi Progress Report FY 2025 / 2026 January - June

Personnel Name	Role (PhD / RA / Post Doc etc)	Start Date	End Date	Paid by Project (ONi) or participating organisation
Firstname Lastname	Post doc	1/1/2023	TBA	ONi grant funding
Personalname Familyname	Phd	6/7/2024	30/12/2025	Commonwealth University scholarship with ONi top up
Firstname Surname	Post doc	6/7/2025	TBA	Commonwealth University
Firstname Lastname2	Non-academic personnel (lab tech)	12/8/2024	6/7/2026	Australia University

Populate from Report

NISDRG KPI Report (Closed: 24/05/2022 10:00 AM)

Populate from Report

Current Report

Personnel Name	Role (PhD / RA / Post Doc etc)	Start Date	End Date	Paid by Project (ONi) or participating organisation	Actions
Firstname Lastname	Post doc	1/1/2023	15/6/2026	ONi grant funding	▼ ▲ ✕
Personalname Familyname	Phd	6/7/2024	30/12/2025	Commonwealth University scholarship with ONi top up	▼ ▲ ✕
Firstname Surname	Post doc	6/7/2025	TBA	Commonwealth University	▼ ▲ ✕
Firstname Lastname2	Non-academic personnel (lab tech)	12/8/2024	6/7/2026	Australia University	▼ ▲ ✕

Add Row

The *Role*, *Start*, *End date* and *affiliated organisation* fields will be editable, where you will be able to update the status of each person as the Grant progresses.

To enter additional personnel recruited to the project select *Add Row* and complete the fields as detailed above.

Part C - Grant Outreach

This section will demonstrate the grant's level of engagement between the research team, the Australian Government, industry and business, and Australia's National Intelligence and Security Communities.

The second part of this section will provide details on any additional funding that has been applied for or received to enable the enhancement or continuation of the research.

C1. Grant Outreach

This question will import the statistical Outreach targets table from your KPI Report. In the Current Report table enter the total number of outreach activities the team has completed since commencement.

To validate the table, a zero should be entered if there have not been any outreach activities for the category.

Note: The target fields from the *KPI Report* table are not editable. Once all fields in the *Current Report* table are entered, the red outlined fields of the *KPI Report* table will clear.

Briefings to Government may include updates provided during site visits by, or meetings (including phone conversations and video conferences) regarding research progress, with ONI as well as any other correspondence where you have provided ONI an update on the research. If you have a significant breakthrough or output, ONI will be keen to hear about it outside of the normal reporting periods.

C1. Grant Outreach

Please provide the number of outreach activities achieved against each category
(This question must be answered)

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Total

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Keynote Presentations	1	1	1
Briefings to Research Science and Technology Community	1	2	2
Briefings to Government	2	2	3
Briefings to Industry and Business	1	2	2
Total	5	7	8

Current Report

Keynote Presentations	Total for the project
Briefings to Research Science and Technology Community	
Briefings to Government	
Briefings to Industry and Business	
Total	0

All items must be answered

C2. Additional Funding

Please provide information regarding any funding applied for or received as a result of this project including funding to continue or extend the research activities.

If you would like to provide ONI details of the activities to be undertaken with this additional funding, a PDF can be uploaded by selecting the *PDF Icon* under *Actions*.

Note: This table and the information entered will auto-populate into the next progress report.

To answer this question for the first time and enter the details of funding applied for select *Add Row*.

C2. Additional Funding

Please provide information regarding any funding applied for or received as a result of this project including funding to continue or branch out the research. If you would like to provide ONI further information of this requested funding, please attach a PDF with the details. Note: This table will auto-populate into the next progress report.

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Current Report

Additional Funding	Source	Amount	Status	Actions
Add Row				

Enter the name of the funder or scheme the funding has been requested through, then select *OK*.

Please enter the custom name

Cancel OK

Complete the fields with the details and upload a PDF if required.

Current Report

Additional Funding	Source	Amount	Status	Actions
AEA Seed Grant	Dept Education	\$250,000	Successful	PDF Icon Dropdown Up Arrow Close X
Discovery Projects 2026				PDF Icon Dropdown Up Arrow Close X
Add Row				

To enter another funding request select *Add Row*.

This table, the data entered and any PDFs uploaded will copy across to the next Progress Report.

In subsequent reports, to populate the Current Report table select the activated *Populate from Report* button.

C2. Additional Funding

Please provide information regarding any funding applied for or received as a result of this project including funding to continue or branch out the research.
If you would like to provide ONI further information of this requested funding, please attach a PDF with the details.
Note: This table will auto-populate into the next progress report.

ONI Progress Report FY 2025 / 2026 January - June

Additional Funding	Source	Amount	Status	
AEA Seed Grant	Dept Education	\$250,000	Successful	
Discovery Projects 2026	Australian Research Council	\$500,000	Applied	

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Current Report

Additional Funding	Source	Amount	Status	Actions
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Add Row

A pop-up box will appear. Select **OK** to populate the *Current Report* table.

Copy the values from the previous report will override any values that have been entered into the Current Report. Do you wish to continue?

Cancel **OK**

The Current Report table will populate with the data saved in the previous report.

ONI Progress Report FY 2025 / 2026 January - June

Additional Funding	Source	Amount	Status	
AEA Seed Grant	Dept Education	\$250,000	Successful	
Discovery Projects 2026	Australian Research Council	\$500,000	Applied	

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Current Report

Additional Funding	Source	Amount	Status	Actions
AEA Seed Grant	Dept Education	\$250,000	Successful	
Discovery Projects 2026	Australian Research Council	\$500,000	Unsuccessful	

Add Row

Sample Additional Funding applied or received

The *Source*, *Amount* and *Status* fields will be editable, where you will be able to update the status of the funding request when a update or decision is received.

To enter additional funding applications related to the research select *Add Row* and complete the fields as detailed above.

Part D - Research Outputs

This section will capture the total number of outputs the projects has produced. A statistical table will capture the total number of outputs, you will provide a comment on the quality of the outputs and upload a copy of each output published by the project

D1. Output Target High-Level

The Output targets entered into the KPI Report will be imported into the report. In the statistical table enter the total number of outputs produced in each category since the project commenced.

The *Output Target High-Level* Current Report table will capture each output as peer reviewed, non-peer reviewed or as a Data set, each output should only be counted once in this table.

To validate the table, a zero should be entered if there have not been any outputs produced for the category.

Note: The targets from the *KPI Report* are not editable. Once all fields in the *Current Report* table are entered, the red outlined fields of the *KPI Report* section will clear.

D1. Output Target High-Level

Provide details of the number outputs completed during the project
(This question must be answered)

ONI Progress Report FY 2025 / 2026 January - June

Total

NISDRG KPI Report (Closed: 24/05/2022 10:00 AM)

Peer Reviewed Outputs	2	3	3
Non-Peer Reviewed Outputs	1	2	2
Data Sets	1	2	3
Total	4	7	8

Current Report

Peer Reviewed Outputs	Total for the project
Non-Peer Reviewed Outputs	
Data Sets	
Total	0

All items must be answered

D2. Output Target Detailed

This question will provide a statistical table to capture the projects total specific output categories. Each output produced by the project, counted in question D1, can be categorised into one or all of the output categories as been collaborative, directed at the intelligence community or openly accessible.

To validate the table, a zero should be entered if there are outputs that have not been developed or made available to a category.

Note: The target fields from the *KPI Report* table are not editable. Once all fields in the *Current Report* table are entered, the red outlined fields of the *KPI Report* table will clear.

D2. Output Target Detailed
 Provide details of the number of outputs (including datasets) by type for the project.
 Note: Collaborative outputs are co-authored in conjunction with someone outside the research team.
 (This question must be answered)

NISDRG KPI Report (Closed: 13/06/2025 3:39 PM)

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Collaborative (co-authored) research	4	5	7
Outputs directed at Intelligence communities	1	2	3
Outputs made openly available	5	7	10
Total	10	14	20

Current Report

Collaborative (co-authored) research	
Outputs directed at National Intelligence communities	
Outputs made openly available	
Total	0

Total for the project

D3. Quality of Research Outputs

The details of how you intended to measure the quality of your research outputs will be populated from the KPI report.

In the text box provided enter a brief update on the quality of Research Outputs produced. The indicators provided in your KPI Report can guide this response, however any indicators of quality or impact can be reported on where your Research Outputs have achieved outcomes outside the scope of the KPIs.

D3. Quality of Research Outputs
 NISDRG KPI Report (Closed: 24/05/2022 10:00 AM)

Quality Measure	Target	Further Details
Scimago ranking for peer reviewed journals	3 Peer reviewed journals published in top 10% journals according to Scimago rankings	Journals and papers
Website views	>500 website views	Website and media
End user uptake	70% of peer reviewed outputs shared with users in national Intelligence Community	End users

Provide a brief update on the quality of Research Outputs produced during the reporting period. The indicators provided in your KPI Report can guide this response, however any indicators of quality or impact can be reported on where your Research Outputs have achieved outcomes outside the scope of the KPIs.

We had 1 journal paper, *Intelligence challenges in quantum computing*, published in the Quantum Computing, one of the top 10% peer-reviewed journals base on Scimago rankings.

Following the Research Conference in Melbourne we also engaged with researchers from University of Canberra regarding our paper on Quantum Artificial Intelligence, which flagged the potential for collaboration on future papers.

Sample Output Quality Update

D4. Research Outputs

ONI has requested a copy of all outputs developed by the project and submitted for publication.

To answer this question for the first time, from Current Report select *Add Row*.

D4. Research Outputs

Please select Add row to list each research output published during the project.
Please list each person (named or un-named on the project) that is listed as an author on the publication (e.g. paid by the project (ONI) or a participating organisation including CIs, Pls, PhD, RA, Fellow etc).

Attach a copy of the publication. Data sets do not require an attachment.

Note: This table will auto-populate into the next progress report.

NISDRG KPI Report (Closed: 24/05/2022 10:00 AM)

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Current Report

Publication Title	Type of Publication	Place of Publication	Peer Reviewed / Not Peer Reviewed /Data Set	Name of Project personnel Authors	Actions
Add Row					

In the pop-up box enter the name of the publication, then select *OK*.

Please enter the custom name

Cancel OK

Complete the fields with the details.

D4. Research Outputs

Please select Add row to list each research output published during the project.
Please list each person (named or un-named on the project) that is listed as an author on the publication (e.g. paid by the project (ONI) or a participating organisation including CIs, Pls, PhD, RA, Fellow etc).

Attach a copy of the publication. Data sets do not require an attachment.

Note: This table will auto-populate into the next progress report.

NISDRG KPI Report (Closed: 24/05/2022 10:00 AM)

Populate from Report

Current Report

Publication Title	Type of Publication	Place of Publication	Peer Reviewed / Not Peer Reviewed /Data Set	Name of Project personnel Authors	Actions
Intelligence challenges in quantum computing	Journal Article	Quantum Computing, Vol			PDF icon
Add Row					

Upload the publication as a PDF by selecting the *PDF* icon in the Actions field. Select *Choose file*, locate the document and select *Upload*.

Publication Title	Type of Publication	Place of Publication	Peer Reviewed / Not Peer Reviewed /Data Set	Name of Project personnel Authors	Actions
Intelligence challenges in quantum computing	Journal Article	Quantum Computing, Vol	Peer reviewed	Prof Firstname Lastname, Dr	PDF icon
PDF upload for 'Intelligence challenges in quantum computing'					
Choose File		No file chosen		Upload	
No PDF uploaded					

To enter another publication select *Add Row*.

Current Report

Publication Title	Type of Publication	Place of Publication	Peer Reviewed / Not Peer Reviewed /Data Set	Name of Project personnel Authors	Actions
Intelligence challenges in quantum computing	Journal Article	Quantum Computing, Vol	Peer reviewed	Prof Firstname Lastname, Dr	

Add Row

This table, the data entered and the PDFs uploaded will copy across to the next Progress Report.

In subsequent reports, to populate the Current Report table select the activated *Populate from Report* Button.

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Publication Title	Type of Publication	Place of Publication	Peer Reviewed / Not Peer Reviewed /Data Set	Name of Project personnel Authors	Actions
Intelligence challenges in quantum computing	Journal Article	Quantum Computing, Vol	Peer reviewed	Prof Firstname Lastname, Dr	
Natural interference in transmitting 5g information	Conference paper	Adelaide Solar Conference 2025	Conference paper	Dr Firstname Surname	

Populate from Report

NISDRG KPI Report (Closed: 24/05/2022 10:00 AM)

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Current Report

Publication Title	Type of Publication	Place of Publication	Peer Reviewed / Not Peer Reviewed /Data Set	Name of Project personnel Authors	Actions
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Add Row

A pop-up box will appear. Select *OK* to populate the *Current Report* table.

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Copying the values from the previous report will override any values that have been entered into the Current Report. Do you wish to continue?

Cancel OK

To enter additional publications select *Add Row* and complete the fields as detailed above.

Sample Publications

PART 3 – Submit to the Research Office

Once all form parts are green, and the lead CI of the grant is satisfied that all details have been entered, the report must be submitted to the grant AO Research Office (RO) for review.

To submit a completed report to the RO ensure the ‘Ready to Submit’ message appears at the top of the report.

Ready to submit ✓

A

Project Update

B

Grant Personnel

C

Grant Outreach

D

Research Outputs

Draft

Submit to RO

The Submit to RO Button is available in the Report or the Grant Reports summary page.

If the form parts are green but the Ready to submit message or button is not visible. Save the form and the button should appear.

Grant	Chief Investigator	Title	Report Status	Last Status Change		
NI2101000000	Lead Investigator	Project Title	Ready to Submit	02/07/26 09:43 AM	Form	Submit to RO

Showing 1 of 1 grant reports.

Locate the relevant report and select the ‘Submit to RO’ button.

Confirm submission of the Progress Report by selecting ‘Submit to RO’ in the pop-up message.

Submit ONI Progress Report FY 2025 / 2026 January - June for NI210100002 to Research Office?

Submit to RO

Cancel

Once the report has been submitted to the Research Office for review, you will not be able to edit the report. If you would like to include or amend additional information, contact your research Office to request the report be returned to you.

Grant	Chief Investigator	Title	Report Status	Last Status Change		
NI2101000000	Lead Investigator	Project Title	Submitted to Research Office	10/07/26 03:28 PM	Form	

PART 4 – Research Office Certification and Submission

The submission of the Progress Report forms part of the Agreement between the AO and ONI to provide periodic progress updates against set KPIs and Performance Measures. Therefore, each answer should be reviewed to ensure the reported progress aligns with the key benefits identified in the Project Plan, and the aims, activities and anticipated outcomes as outlined in the original application. Upon confirmation that the entered details are agreeable to the AO, the Progress Report must be certified by an RO Delegate and submitted to ONI for review.

Research Office review of the Progress Report

To locate the Progress Report navigate to the ONI RMS portal <https://rmsoni.researchgrants.gov.au>, locate the *Research Office Grant Management* module on the Action Centre.

Select the '*Research Office Grant Reports*' link.



From the report drop down menu locate the report for the current period (ONI Progress Report *Year* January – June or July – December). The progress report reporting period will be the six months prior to the report completion period.

A screenshot of the 'Action Centre / Research Office Grant Reports' interface. The 'Monitoring Reports' tab is selected. In the 'Report' dropdown menu, 'ONI Progress Report FY 2025 / 2' is selected and highlighted with a red box. Below this, there are filters for 'Program' (set to '-- Select --'), 'Scheme' (set to 'National Intelligence and Security'), 'Scheme Round' (set to '-- Select --'), and 'Status Change' (set to 'All'). A 'Status' dropdown is set to 'All Reports'. A 'Search' box contains the text 'Grant / Title / Investigator'. Under 'Bulk Submission', there are buttons for 'Select All', 'Deselect All', 'Submit Selected Reports to Delegate', and 'Submit Selected Reports to ONI'. Below these, it says 'Showing 1 of 1 grant reports.' A table lists the report details: Grant (N1210100000), Select (checkbox), Chief Investigator (Lead Investigator), Title (Project Title), Report Status (Submitted to Research Office), Last Status Change (10/07/26 03:28 PM), and a row of buttons: Details, Form (highlighted with a red box), Return to Draft, and Submit to RO Delegate.

To review the details entered in the Progress Report select *Form*. If edits are required, return the Progress Report to the lead CI by selecting *Return to Draft*.

Submit the Progress report to ONI

When the Progress Report is acceptable, submit the Report to the RO Delegate by selecting the *Submit to RO Delegate* Button.

The screenshot shows the 'Research Office Grant Reports' interface. At the top, there are tabs for 'Draft Applications', 'Request not to Assess', 'Applications', 'Rejoinders', 'Grants', 'Variations', 'Monitoring Reports', and 'Final Reports'. Below these are filters for 'Report' (ONI Progress Report FY 2025 / 2), 'Program' (-- Select --), 'Scheme' (National Intelligence and Security), 'Scheme Round' (-- Select --), and 'Status Change' (All). There is also a 'Status' dropdown set to 'All Reports' and a 'Search' box containing 'Grant / Title / Investigator'. A 'Bulk Submission' section includes buttons for 'Select All', 'Deselect All', 'Submit Selected Reports to Delegate', and 'Submit Selected Reports to ONI'. Below this, it says 'Showing 1 of 1 grant reports.' A table lists the grant details: Grant ID N1210100000, a checkbox, Chief Investigator Lead Investigator, Title Project Title, Report Status Submitted to Research Office, Last Status Change 10/07/26 03:28 PM, and buttons for Details, Form, Return to Draft, and Submit to RO Delegate (highlighted in red).

Confirm submission to the RO Delegate by selecting the '*Submit to RO Delegate*' button from the pop-up box.

The screenshot shows a confirmation pop-up box with the text: 'Submit ONI Progress Report FY 2025 / 2026 January - June for N1210100002 to RO Delegate?'. At the bottom, there are two buttons: 'Submit to RO Delegate' (highlighted in blue) and 'Cancel'.

The report must be certified by the RO Delegate. Select the '*Certify*' button.

The screenshot shows the same table as before, but the 'Report Status' is now 'Submitted to RO Delegate' and the 'Last Status Change' is '10/07/26 04:16 PM'. The 'Certify' button is highlighted in red.

Confirm RO Delegate certification by selecting '*Agree to Certification*'.

The screenshot shows a certification pop-up box titled 'Certify ONI Progress Report FY 2025 / 2026 January - June for N1210100002'. It contains the text: 'Certification by the Research Office, on behalf of the Deputy/Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research) or equivalent in the Administering Organisation. I certify that all Progress Report details entered have been reviewed by the Administering Organisation and are accurate.' At the bottom, there are two buttons: 'Agree to certification' (highlighted in blue) and 'Cancel'.

Finalise submission by selecting the '*Submit to ONI*' button.

The screenshot shows the same table as before, but the 'Report Status' is now 'Certified' and the 'Last Status Change' is '10/07/26 04:19 PM'. The 'Submit to ONI' button is highlighted in red.

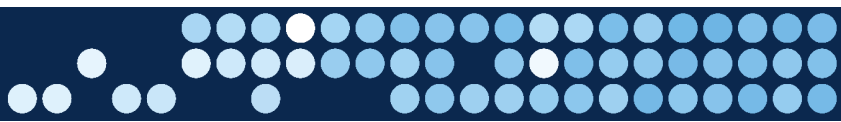
If additional edits are required once the progress report has been submitted to ONI, the RO must contact the RGS team at arc-nidg@arc.gov.au to request the return of the report.

Once the report has been reviewed by RGS and ONI and it is deemed acceptable it will be accepted in RMS. If additional information is required, the RGS team will contact the RO.

Glossary and Definitions

Definitions

Term	Definition
Administering Organisation (AO)	An Eligible Organisation responsible for the administration of the grant.
Australian National Intelligence Community	Comprises the six agencies that formerly made up the Australian Intelligence Community (AIC): • ONA • the Australian Signals Directorate (ASD) • the Australian Geospatial-Intelligence Organisation (AGO) • the Australian Secret Intelligence Service (ASIS) • the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO) • the Defence Intelligence Organisation (DIO) as well as the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission (ACIC) and the intelligence functions of the Australian Federal Police (AFP), Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre (AUSTRAC) and The Department of Home Affairs.
Australian National Security Community	Comprises the: • Department of Defence • Department of Home Affairs • Office of National Intelligence • Department of Home Affairs • Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade • Prime Minister and Cabinet • Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources.
Intelligence Challenges	Those challenge areas aligned with the National Security Science and Technology Priorities identified by the Australian Government to be funded by the ONI, and available on the RGS website .
Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and/or Performance Measures	A set of quantitative and/or qualitative measures that We use to monitor and report on progress of research outcomes.
Lead Chief Investigator (CI)	The first named investigator of a Project.
Progress Report	A report submitted in RMS advising the progress of the grant against Key Performance Indicators (KPIs).



Term	Definition
Project	An application approved by the ONI Delegate to receive funding, may also be referred to as a Grant.
POACR	Participating Organisation Agreed Contribution Report
Reporting Period	The period of the report, January to June or July to December.
Research Office (RO)	A business unit within an Eligible Organisation that is responsible for contact with Us regarding applications and projects.
Research output	All products of a research project.
Us/We	The Australian Research Council.

Glossary

Acronym	Elaboration
AO	Administering Organisation
ARC	Australian Research Council
CI	Chief Investigator
KPI	Key Performance Indicator
ONI	Office of National Intelligence
NIDG	National Intelligence Discovery Grants
NISDRG	National Intelligence and Security Discovery Research Grants
RGS	Research Grants Services team
RMS	Research Management System
RO	Research Office

