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## PBRF Sector Update

This note provides an update on the Performance-Based Research Fund (PBRF). It includes information on:

- the release of the public report of the 2006 Quality Evaluation
- the complaints process for the 2006 Quality Evaluation
- external research income returns.

### The release of the public report of the 2006 PBRF Quality Evaluation

The TEC is pleased to announce the release of the full report of the 2006 Quality Evaluation of the PBRF, *Performance- Based Research Fund – Evaluating Research Excellence – The 2006 assessment*. In addition, the reports of the 12 PBRF peer review panels have also been placed on the TEC website.

Printed copies of the full report will be delivered to each participating tertiary education organisations (TEOs) during the month of June.

### The complaints process for the 2006 Quality Evaluation – date change

The deadline for the lodging of complaints in relation to the 2006 Quality Evaluation is 5pm, Monday 18 June 2007. This deadline represents fifteen working days after the on-line publication of the full report of the 2006 Quality Evaluation, *Performance- Based Research Fund – Evaluating Research Excellence – The 2006 assessment*.

The TEC will accept and investigate complaints only in relation to administrative or procedural errors. Complaints will not be considered in relation to substantive decision-making by a peer review panel. Only TEOs may make a complaint and each complaint must be lodged by the due date, along with the required fee.

The relevant guidelines on the complaints process may be found on pages 213-214 of the *2006 PBRF Guidelines*.

### External research income declarations

TEOs participating in the external research income measure of the PBRF are required to submit ERI declarations and relevant audit material annually to the TEC.

The TEC would appreciate it if TEOs could forward external research income declarations and audit certificates to the following address:

Dr Ruth Anderson  
Group Investment Manager - Universities  
Tertiary Education Commission  
PO Box 27 048  
Wellington

Please refer to Chapter 5 of the *2006 PBRF Guidelines* for more information on the external research income measure of the PBRF.

## Contact Us

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If you have any questions on this note or other implementation matters please contact the team at [pbrfinfo@tec.govt.nz](mailto:pbrfinfo@tec.govt.nz) or phone the PBRF Help line on (04) 462 5338. Faxes can be sent to the main TEC fax on (04) 462 5400.