

Forum on the PBRF

Lecture Theatre 1, Old Government Buildings,
Law Faculty, Lambton Quay
Victoria University of Wellington

Tuesday 26 June 2007

Co-hosted by the Institute of Policy Studies, Victoria University of Wellington, the
Ministry of Education and the Tertiary Education Commission

Registrations (from 8.20am)

Programme

9.00am Welcome: Janice Shiner (Chief Executive, Tertiary Education Commission)

1. Analysis of the results: Part 1 (Chair: Professor Neil Quigley, Victoria University of Wellington)

- Overview – Professor John Hattie (University of Auckland, Chief Moderator for the 2006 Quality Evaluation) (video presentation)
- Key results and implications – Brenden Mischewski (Tertiary Education Commission)
- What are the data telling us? – Roger Smyth/Warren Smart (Ministry of Education)

Questions and Discussion

Morning tea: 10.45-11.10

2. Analysis of the results: Part 2 (Chair: Professor Jonathan Boston, Victoria University of Wellington)

- What the data in Evidence Portfolios can tell us – Paul Vance/Amardeep Sandhu (Tertiary Education Commission)
- Audit issues – David Sinkins/Brenden Mischewski (Tertiary Education Commission)

Questions and Discussion

Lunch: 12.15-1.00pm

3. The management and conduct of the 2006 Quality Evaluation

(Chair: Professor Carolyn Burns, University of Otago, Deputy Moderator for 2006 Quality Evaluation)

- A TEC perspective – Margaret Wagstaffe (PBRF Manager, Tertiary Education Commission)
- 1.20pm: Panel Discussion: TEO perspectives – Lindsay Jenkins (University of Otago), Michael Peters (Massey University), Dr Patricia Johnson (Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi), Jenny Aimers (Otago Polytechnic)
- 2.00pm: Panel Discussion: the Assessment Process – Professor Noeline Alcorn (Chair, Education Panel), Professor John Raine (Chair, Engineering, Technology and Architecture), Professor Peter Walls (Chair, Creative and Performing Arts Panel)

Afternoon tea: 2.45-3.10

4. Policy Issues and Options (Chair: David Nicholson, Tertiary Education Commission)

- An Australian Perspective on Performance-Based Research Funding Systems – Leanne Harvey (Branch Manager, Research Quality and Co-ordination Branch, Innovation and Research Systems Group, Department of Education, Science and Training, Canberra, and Chairperson of the RQF Reference Committee)

Questions and Discussion

- New Zealand Perspectives – brief contributions from Professor Tom Barnes (University of Auckland), Professor Jonathan Boston (Victoria University), Jonathan Hughes (NZVCC) and Dr David Small (Association of University Staff) covering a range of issues, such as:
 - i. The PBRF funding formula and volumes
 - ii. The unit of assessment
 - iii. Eligibility criteria and their application
 - iv. The assessment of applied research/practice-based research
 - v. The assessment of new and emerging researchers
 - vi. Gender and ethnicity issues
 - vii. Improving research quality in low-scoring subject areas

Questions and Discussion

5.20pm: Concluding Remarks: Professor Jonathan Boston (VUW)