

Consolidated Act No. 1064 of 6 September 2010 on the Research Advisory System, etc.

Part 1

Scope of the Act

1.-(1) To strengthen the quality, coordination and internationalisation of Danish research and the dissemination and application of research results, the Minister for Science, Technology and Innovation establishes the Danish Council for Research Policy, the Danish Council for Independent Research, and the Danish Council for Strategic Research.

(2) To ensure the scientific integrity of Danish research, the Minister for Science, Technology and Innovation establishes the Danish Committees on Scientific Dishonesty, cf. section 31.

(3) The main object of the Danish Council for Research Policy shall be to promote the development of Danish research for the benefit of society by providing independent, expert research advice at overall level to the Minister for Science, Technology and Innovation, the Danish Parliament and the Government. The Council shall have a purely advisory function, cf. section 3.

(4) The Danish Council for Independent Research shall have both a grants function and an advisory function. The main object of the Council shall be to support specific research activities based on the initiatives of the researchers themselves, and to provide advice on research in this regard, cf. sections 7 and 8.

(5) The Danish Council for Strategic Research shall have both a grants function and an advisory function. The main object of the Council shall be to support research within politically prioritised and thematically demarcated areas of research, and to provide advice on research in this regard, cf. sections 17 and 18.

(6) The Councils and the Committee mentioned in subsections (4) and (5) in combination shall ensure that all state research grants, with the exception of basic grants associated with particular institutions or grants for research based authority service, are allocated in open competition following scientific assessment of their quality.

Part 2

Definitions

2.-(1) For the purposes of this Act:

1) Recognised researchers shall mean: persons who have engaged in active scientific research for a number of years, and who possess academic and research qualifications at a level corresponding to those of at least an associate professor or a senior researcher.

2) Research experts shall mean: persons at the PhD level, who possess either knowledge of or experience with the performance of research tasks for a number of years at a national or international level, or who have undertaken in-depth research administration, research management, research dissemination or research policy work for an institution, organisation or company.

3) Scientific dishonesty shall mean: Falsification, fabrication, plagiarism and other serious violation of good scientific practice committed wilfully or grossly negligent by planning, performance or reporting of research results.

4) Advice on research shall mean: Advice, which can relate to all aspects of research, including political and scientific aspects.

Part 3

The Danish Council for Research Policy

3.-(1) The object of the Danish Council for Research Policy shall be to promote the development of Danish research for the benefit of society. The Council shall be responsible for providing the Minister for Science, Technology and Innovation with independent and expert advice on research at overall level, including forthcoming research needs, and it shall ensure that advice includes relevant national and international experience and trends.

(2) The Danish Parliament, or any government minister, may obtain advice from the Council. Council advice may be provided on request or at the Council's own initiative.

(3) The advice given must be based on documentation and research-relevant analysis. In this connection, the Danish Council for Independent Research, and the Danish Council for Strategic Research are obliged within their remits to provide advice to the Council.

(4) The Danish Council for Technology and Innovation and other relevant institutions and organisations may provide advice to the Council on request.

(5) The task of the Council is to strengthen the communication of Danish research policy.

(6) The Council shall present an annual report on Danish research containing the Council's evaluation of general developments within Danish research, its quality in an international context, and its social relevance. The Council shall perform a hearing of the annual report.

4.-(1) The Danish Council for Research Policy shall consist of a chairperson and eight members.

(2) The chairperson and all other members of the Council shall be recognised researchers or research experts who, in combination, represent a body of broad knowledge regarding research in both the public and private sectors as well as broad knowledge regarding national and international research.. At least half must be recognised researchers.

(3) The Minister for Science, Technology and Innovation shall appoint the chairperson and the eight members in their personal capacities. The chairperson and the other members shall be appointed for a period of three years. Reappointment may not occur more than once. If a member leaves the Council in an untimely manner, a new member may be appointed for a period of less than three years.

(4) The Council shall draw up rules of procedure, which shall be subject to the approval of the Minister for Science, Technology and Innovation.

5. The Minister for Science, Technology and Innovation may lay down detailed rules governing the activities of the Danish Council for Research Policy.

6. The decisions of the Danish Council for Research Policy may not be brought before any other administrative authority.

Part 4

Danish Council for Independent Research Object and responsibilities

7.-(1) The object of the Danish Council for Independent Research is to support Danish research on the basis of researchers' own initiatives. The Council is responsible for developing the level of scientific research in Denmark, and for ensuring opportunities for new discoveries in research, in coordination with the rest of the research system.

(2) The Council shall ensure support for individual scientific research areas, for interdisciplinary research, and for international Danish research activities.

(3) The Council shall ensure that grants are allocated in accordance with applications on the basis of published criteria, and that grants are allocated for international collaboration, cf. section 30a. The Council may make grants to both individual specific research activities and to special initiatives, cf. section 11(4).

(4) The Council may in special cases support politically prioritised measures, where appropriation for such purpose has been made.

(5) The Council shall contribute to enhancing the dissemination and application of research results.

8.-(1) The Danish Council for Independent Research shall provide advice on research to the Minister for Science, Technology and Innovation within all areas of scientific research. The Danish Parliament, or any government minister, may obtain corresponding advice on research from the Council. Such advice may be provided on request or at the Council's own initiative.

(2) On request, the Council may provide advice on research to public sector institutions. The Council provide advice on research to the Institution of Accreditation on request.

(3) On request, the Council may provide advice on research to private institutions.

(4) The Council may render the advice mentioned in subsection (2), 1st clause and subsection (3) by directing names of recognised researchers outside the Council if the desired assistance relates to assessment of applications made to other granting institutions.

(5) The Council shall issue an annual report on its activities for the previous year and a plan for the forthcoming year to the Minister for Science, Technology and Innovation.

Board and scientific research councils

9. The Danish Council for Independent Research shall consist of a board and a number of scientific research councils.

9a.-(1) The Board shall ensure realisation of the object of the council, cf. section 7.

(2) The Board shall ensure that grants for research purposes are allocated in accordance with guidelines which are binding for all scientific research councils, including that scientific evaluation of applications be carried out with relevant involvement of external evaluators. The Board shall draw up and coordinate the wording of such guidelines with the Danish Council for Strategic Research.

(3) The Board shall be responsible for ensuring that the activities of the council are conducted in coordination with the Danish Council for Strategic Research, the Danish National Research Foundation, the Danish National Advanced Technology Foundation, the Danish Council for Technology and Innovation and the rest of the research system, particularly with regard to activities directed towards international collaboration.

(4) The Board bears supreme responsibility for the advice provided pursuant to section 8.

10.-(1) The Board shall consist of a chairperson and eight members, all of whom must be recognised researchers. The Board shall appoint a vice-chairperson at its first meeting.

(2) The Minister for Science, Technology and Innovation shall appoint the chairperson and members in their personal capacities. Appointment shall take place following open application.

(3) The Board shall be appointed for a period of four years. Reappointment may occur for a period of no more than two years. If a member leaves the Council in an untimely manner, a new member may be appointed for a period of less than four years.

(4) The Board shall draw up rules of procedure.

11.-(1) The Board may appoint and name up to six scientific research councils at its own discretion. As one of the scientific research councils, the Board may establish an interdisciplinary research council, which may consist of members appointed by the Minister for Science, Technology and Innovation according to section 14(2), to deal with interdisciplinary assignments

(2) The Board shall determine the remit of each council, and in this connection ensure that the councils cover in combination all areas of scientific research, and that the lines of demarcation between the councils are brought into accord on an ongoing basis with developments in scientific research.

(3) The Board itself shall not have the power to allocate grants, but shall distribute the free research grants among the scientific research councils.

(4) On the basis of an analysis of the councils' initiatives, the Board may allocate up to a fifth of the funding to special initiatives, including interdisciplinary and inter-council initiatives.

(5) Funds for special initiatives, cf. subsection (5), shall be distributed by the scientific research councils. The Board may determine that one or more councils shall distribute the funding.

12. (Repealed)

13.-(1) Within their remits, the scientific research councils shall be responsible for allocating grants pursuant to section 7.

(2) A grant shall be allocated to the main applicant personally. The main applicant shall be responsible for the grant.

(3) The scientific research councils shall follow the guidelines drawn up by the Board pursuant to section 9a(2), 2nd clause.

(4) Upon request, the scientific research councils shall assist the Board with advice on research pursuant to section 8.

14.-(1) All members of the scientific research councils must be recognised researchers.

(2) The Minister for Science, Technology and Innovation shall appoint up to 75 members to the scientific research councils. The members shall be appointed in their personal capacities in such a manner as to provide the individual councils with the broadest possible professional representation within their activities within both Danish and international research.

(3) The members of the scientific research councils shall be appointed for a period of four years. Reappointment may occur for a period of no more than two years. If a member leaves the councils in an untimely manner, a new member may be appointed for a period of less than four years.

(4) The individual councils shall constitute themselves and shall elect chairpersons from among their members.

(5) Every council shall draw up rules of procedure, which shall be subject to the approval of the board of the Danish Council for Independent Research.

15.-(1) The Minister for Science, Technology and Innovation may lay down detailed rules governing:

1) The Danish Council for Independent Research's general rules for subsidies in connection with its grants function.

2) The Council's presentation of accounts.

3) The Council's calls for applications and the requirements for these.

4) The Council's case processing in connection with its grants function. The Minister may in this connection also determine that external experts must be involved to a specified degree in the assessment of applications.

5) The Council's awards of grants to researchers and persons undergoing researcher education.

6) The Council's access to delegation of powers of grant and advice within the Council or to the secretariat.

(2) The Minister for Science, Technology and Innovation may stipulate formal requirements and deadlines in connection with the circumstances described in subsection (1), no. 35, and may determine that failure to comply with the formal requirements, including of electronic communication, or deadlines shall entail the rejection of the application.

16.-(1) The rulings of the Supervisory Board and the scientific research councils shall not be brought before any other administrative authority, cf. however subsection (2).

(2) The Minister for Science, Technology and Innovation may stipulate rules to the effect that complaints about legal matters in connection with rulings made by the scientific research councils or by the instance to which the Council has delegated the powers of grant may be brought before the Minister.

(3) The Minister for Science, Technology and Innovation may stipulate that complaints concerning legal questions in connection with the decisions made by the scientific research councils or the secretariat may be brought before the Minister, pursuant to rules laid down by the Minister.

Part 5

Danish Council for Strategic Research Object and responsibilities

17.-(1) The object of the Danish Council for Strategic Research shall be to provide support for Danish research within politically prioritised and thematically demarcated areas of research, including for initiatives that are defined by their content. The Council shall be responsible for contributing to increased interplay between public-sector and private-sector research and it

shall actively strive to publicise its own strategic research efforts, aiming at relevant players in the private sector, with a view to attracting funding from foundations and companies for jointly financed research projects.

(2) The Council shall ensure support for inter-disciplinary research in particular, and for international Danish research activities.

(3) The Council shall ensure that grants are allocated to research activities on the basis of published criteria, and that grants are allocated to international collaboration, cf. section 30a.

(4) The Council shall work for the research cooperation with the Faroe Islands and Greenland.

(5) The Council shall contribute to enhancing the dissemination and application of research results.

(6) The Council shall on its own initiative seek out new research trends, and may initiate projects against this background, to the extent that the Danish Parliament provides the necessary funding. The Council moreover may initiate projects on the basis of new research trends or allocate larger grants to activities which are deemed to benefit Danish research with complete or partial funding from other partners. The Minister for Science, Technology and Innovation may, in this respect, at the request of the Board of the Danish Council for Strategic Research, with regard to jointly financed activities, authorise exemptions from the provisions of sections 19-23 and section 36(1).

18.-(1) The Danish Council for Strategic Research shall provide the Minister for Science, Technology and Innovation with advice on research within politically prioritised and thematically demarcated areas of research. The Danish Parliament, or any government minister, may obtain corresponding advice on research from the Council. Such advice may be provided on request or at the Council's own initiative.

(2) Prior to the allocation by individual ministers of state research grants, with the exception of basic grants associated with a particular institution or grants for research-based authority service, the Council shall approve the allocation procedure and undertake a scientific evaluation of the applications received. Against this background, the individual ministers will then allocate funding among the applicants that the Council deems worthy of support.

(3) On request, the Council may provide advice on research to public sector institutions within politically prioritised and thematically demarcated areas of research.

(4) On request, the Council may provide advice on research to private institutions within politically prioritised and thematically demarcated areas of research.

(5) The Council shall issue an annual report on its activities for the previous year and a plan for the forthcoming year to the Minister for Science, Technology and Innovation.

Board and programme committees etc.

19. The Danish Council for Strategic Research shall consist of a board and a very limited number of programme committees.

19a.-(1) The Board shall ensure realisation of the object of the council, cf. section 17.

(2) The Board shall ensure that grants for politically prioritised and thematically demarcated areas of research are allocated in accordance with guidelines which are binding for all programme committees etc., including that scientific evaluation of applications be carried out

with relevant involvement of external evaluators. The Board shall draw up and coordinate the wording of such guidelines with the Danish Council for Independent Research.

(3) The Board shall be responsible for ensuring that the activities of the council are conducted in coordination with the Danish Council for Independent Research, the Danish National Research Foundation, the Danish National Advanced Technology Foundation, the Danish Council for Technology and Innovation and the rest of the research system, particularly with regard to activities directed towards international collaboration.

(4) The Board bears supreme responsibility for the advice given pursuant to section 18. The Board may establish case preparatory programme committees composed of recognised researchers to assist in its advisory function. Furthermore, with the permission of the Board of the Danish Council for Independent Research, the Board may obtain the same assistance from one or more of the scientific research councils

20.-(1) The Board shall consist of a chairperson and eight members.

(2) The Minister for Science, Technology and Innovation shall appoint the chairperson and one member. The other members shall be appointed by the Minister after open application.

(3) The Board shall be composed of recognised researchers and research experts representing user interests. The chairperson and the other members must also possess knowledge of and experience with the performance of strategic research tasks in Danish and international contexts.

(4) The Board as a whole must represent skins drawn from all significant research interests in both public and private research spheres. The required skins include knowledge of:

- 1) Basic research and training.
- 2) Strategic research, including government research and research in hospitals.
- 3) Cooperation between companies and government research institutions.
- 4) Technological development and innovation.
- 5) International research partnerships.
- 6) Researcher education.
- 7) Human resources and social processes.

(5) The chairperson and the eight members shall be appointed in their personal capacities. The Board shall be appointed for a period of four years. Reappointment may occur for a period of no more than two years. If a member leaves the Council in an untimely manner, a new member may be appointed for a period of less than four years.

(6) The Board shall draw up rules of procedure.

21.-(1) The Board, at its own discretion and to a very limited degree, may appoint a number of programme committees with the power to allocate grants to support research within politically defined and thematically demarcated areas of research, cf. section 17(1).

(2) The Board shall determine the number of programme committees and their demarcation in relation to each other. The Board must in this regard ensure that the number of such committees is kept to the lowest possible level, and that all such committees are dissolved upon the completion of their tasks.

(3) The Board may transfer power to allocate grants as mentioned in subsection (1) to the Commission for Scientific Investigations in Greenland.

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(4) The Board itself shall have no powers to allocate grants, but shall allocate the strategic programme funds to the programme committees, the Commission for Scientific Investigations in Greenland or in certain cases to one or several of the scientific research councils, cf. section 9.

(5) If the Board deems that the implementation of a grant under the Finance and Appropriation Act comprises more than one programme committee in terms of scientific area, the Board may decide that several programme committees or the Committee for Scientific Investigations in Greenland in combination with one or several programme committees shall process the applications for the programme in unison and shall make a decision as one authority (joint committee).

(6) When the joint committee has made final decision according to subsection (5), it shall place the competence for approving professional and budgetary reporting in one of the programme committees.

21a.-(1) Within their remit, the programme committees shall be responsible for allocating grants pursuant to section 17.

(2) A grant shall be allocated to the main applicant personally. The main applicant shall be responsible for the grant.

(3) The programme committees shall follow the guidelines drawn up by the Board pursuant to section 19a(2), 2nd clause.

(4) If one or more of the scientific research councils or the Commission for Scientific Investigations in Greenland are allocated tasks pursuant to section 21(4), they shall follow the guidelines drawn up by the Board pursuant to section 19a(2), 2nd clause.

(5) Upon request, the programme committees and the Commission for Scientific Investigations in Greenland shall assist the Board with advice on research pursuant to section 18.

21b.-(1) All members of a programme committee shall be recognised researchers. Members of a programme committee shall collectively have the competence to assess the quality, impact and relevance of research activities.

(2) The members shall be appointed by the Board of the Danish Council for Strategic Research.

22. (Repealed)

23.-(1) The Minister for Science, Technology and Innovation may lay down detailed rules governing:

1) The general subsidy rules in connection with the grants function of the Danish Council for Strategic Research.

2) The Council's presentation of accounts.

3) The Council's calls for applications and the requirements for these.

4) The Council's case processing in connection with its grants function. The Minister may in this connection also determine that external experts shall be involved to a specified degree in the evaluation of applications.

5) The Council's awards of grants to researchers and persons undergoing researcher education.

6) The Council's access to delegation within the Council or to the secretariat of grant and advisory powers.

(2) The Minister for Science, Technology and Innovation may stipulate formal requirements and deadlines in connection with the circumstances described in subsection (1), nos. 35, and may decide that failure to comply with the formal requirements, including about electronic communication, or deadlines shall entail the rejection of the application.

24.-(1) The decisions of the Board, the programme committees, the Commission for Scientific Investigations in Greenland and the scientific research councils shall not be brought before any other administrative authority, see, however, subsection (2).

(2) The Minister for Science, Technology and Innovation may stipulate rules to the effect that complaints about legal matters in connection with rulings made by the programme committees by the Commission for Scientific Investigations in Greenland and the scientific research councils or by the instance to which the programme committee or the Council has powers of delegation may be brought before the Minister.

(3) The Minister for Science, Technology and Innovation may stipulate that complaints concerning legal matters raised in connection with the decisions of the programme committees, of the scientific research councils following delegation by the Danish Council for Strategic Research, or of the secretariat, may be brought before the Minister, pursuant to rules laid down by the Minister.

Part 6 (Repealed)

Part 6a *Participation in international research cooperation*

30a.-(1) The Danish Council for Independent Research and the Danish Council for Strategic Research may, in the performance of their task of strengthening the internationalisation of Danish research, cf. section 1(1), participate in international research cooperation within the grants function of each council, in cases where such cooperation is judged by the Boards to be of benefit to Danish research.

(2) The Boards may, in performing their tasks pursuant to subsection (1), decide to allocate up to 20 per cent of each appropriation in the annual Finance and Appropriation Acts to international forums, provided that this does not conflict with the conditions attached to the appropriation; but cf. subsections (3) and (4). Where international research cooperation is thematically demarcated, cf. section 17(1), the Boards shall agree between themselves which of the two bodies is to participate; and in this connection the Danish Council for Independent Research may participate in international activities that are defined more narrowly than by section 7(1).

(3) The Boards shall not allocate funds to international forums without having satisfied themselves that the grants will be distributed in open competition and following scientific assessment of the quality of the research in question, cf. section 1(6).

(4) The allocation of funds to international forums presupposes the approval of the Minister for Science, Technology and Innovation with regard to the legal framework for the international forum's distribution of funds, its general conditions for the granting of funds and its presentation of accounts.

(5) The Boards shall ensure ongoing coordination of the work.

Part 7

Danish Committees on Scientific Dishonesty

31.-(1) The object of the Danish Committees on Scientific Dishonesty is to process cases relating to scientific dishonesty raised by report and which signify

- 1) research performed in Denmark
- 2) research performed by persons with employment in Denmark, or
- 3) research performed with Danish public support.

(2) With respect to scientific products prepared under private auspices, the case may only be processed if the private enterprise or similar has requested to be subject to the Committees' jurisdiction or wishes to assist in the enlightening of the case.

(3) The Committees may process cases by own initiative if the cases are of social interest or of significance to the health of human beings or animals, and where reasoned assumption of scientific dishonesty exists.

(4) In the event that scientific dishonesty is ascertained by the Committees, the Committees may:

- 1) Inform the accused person's employer, if the party in question is employed as a researcher.
- 2) Recommend withdrawal of the scientific project concerned.
- 3) Inform the relevant authority responsible for the area.
- 4) Make out a police report when a punishable offence is involved.
- 5) At the special request of an appointing authority, state its views on the degree of scientific dishonesty.

(5) The chairperson shall resolve all legal questions, cf. section 32(2).

(6) The Committees shall publish annual reports on their activities.

32.-(1) The Danish Committees on Scientific Dishonesty shall consist of one or more committees covering all areas of scientific research.

(2) The chairperson must be a high court judge.

(3) The Minister for Science, Technology and Innovation shall stipulate the number of members. Each member must have a corresponding deputy. The members and deputies must all be recognised researchers, who in combination cover all areas of scientific research, cf. section 36(2).

(4) The chairperson shall be appointed by the Minister for Science, Technology and Innovation upon recommendation from the courts. The members and the deputies shall be appointed by the Minister in their personal capacities following a hearing conducted by the Danish Council for Independent Research. The chairperson, the other members and the deputies shall be appointed for a period of four years. Reappointment may occur for a period of no more than two years. If a member or deputy resigns in an untimely manner, a new member or a new deputy may be appointed for a period of less than four years.

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(5) The Committees shall draw up rules of procedure, which shall be subject to the approval of the Minister for Science, Technology and Innovation.

33. The Minister for Science, Technology and Innovation may lay down detailed rules governing the activities of the Danish Committees on Scientific Dishonesty.

34. The decisions of the Danish Committees on Scientific Dishonesty may not be brought before any other administrative authority.

Part 8

Miscellaneous provisions

35.-(1) Secretariat services for the Danish Council for Research Policy, the Danish Council for Independent Research, the Danish Council for Strategic Research and the Danish Committees on Scientific Dishonesty shall be carried out by the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation. The Ministry shall ensure that secretariat services for the Danish Council for Research Policy are provided by a special unit within the Ministry.

(2) The Minister for Science, Technology and Innovation shall supervise the allocation of grants and legal questions in connection with the work of the Danish Council for Independent Research and the Danish Council for Strategic Research.

36.-(1) A member of an organ encompassed by this Act, or of the board of the Danish National Research Foundation, may not be a member of another organ encompassed by this Act.

(2) The provision of subsection (1), however, shall not prevent a member of a scientific research council from being a member of a research council and a programme committee or a programme panel, or vice versa, cf. section 19a(4), 2nd clause, and section 21(1). The same shall apply to members of the Danish Committees on Scientific Dishonesty and their deputies, cf. section 32(3). A case preparatory programme council, see section 19a(4), 2nd clause, may be established entirely or partially by members of the programme committees of the Council on Strategic Research.

37. The Danish Council for Independent Research and the Danish Council for Strategic Research may receive funding from other sources besides the state. Non-state funds must be kept separate from state funds.

38. Bodies providing subsidies under this Act may demand reimbursement of the subsidy if the conditions for the award of the subsidy are not observed.

39. The Danish Council for Independent Research and the Danish Council for Strategic Research must publish advisory guidelines on their subsidising practice.

40. (Repealed)

40a.-(1) The Minister for Science, Technology and Innovation may authorise a government authority established under the Ministry or, upon negotiation with the relevant Minister, other government authorities to exercise the powers given to the Minister according to this Act.

(2) The Minister may stipulate rules on the access to complain about rulings made under authority according to subsection (1), including to the effect that the rulings shall not be appealed against.

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(3) The Minister may stipulate rules about the exercise of powers which another government authority upon negotiation with the relevant Minister is authorised to exercise according to subsection (1).

Part 9

Entry into force, etc.

41.-(1) This Act shall enter into force on 1 January 2004. At the same time, the Act on Research Policy Advice, etc., cf. Consolidated Act no. 676 of 19 August 1997, shall be repealed.

(2) Rules determined in pursuance of the Act on Research Policy Advice, etc., cf. Consolidated Act no. 676 of 19 August 1997, shall remain in force until repealed or replaced by rules issued in pursuance of this Act.

(3) The chairperson and members of the current Danish Council for Research Policy shall become the chairman and members of the new Danish Council for Research Policy, and shall continue to hold those positions until the expiry of their current period of office, with the opportunity to be reappointed if such reappointment was permitted under the former rules.

(4) The current rights and duties of the existing state research councils shall be assumed by the Danish Council for Independent Research and the Danish Council for Strategic Research, respectively, cf. sections 7 and 17.

(5) The current state research councils shall continue as scientific research councils under this Act until such time as the board of the Danish Council for Independent Research has determined the limits between the Council, and scientific research councils have been appointed in pursuance of this Act.

(6) The members of the current state research councils may be re-nominated to the scientific research councils if such re-nomination was permitted under the former rules governing the state research council in question.

(7) The current programme committees shall continue in existence until they have completed the duties assigned to them by the current Board of the Danish Research Councils. Following the discontinuation of the Board of the Danish Research Councils, the programme committees shall report to the board of the Danish Council for Strategic Research.

(8) In connection with the implementation of this Act, the Minister for Science, Technology and Innovation may deviate from the stated provisions governing the length of the period of appointment of the members of the boards of the Danish Councils for Independent Research and the Danish Council for Strategic Research, cf. section 10(3), and section 20(5).

Act No. 418 of 8 May 2006 contains the following provision on entry into force:

2. This Act shall enter into force on 1 June 2006.

Act No. 295 of 27 March 2007 contains the following provision on entry into force:

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3. This Act shall enter into force on 1 April 2007.

Act No. 552 of 17 June 2008 contains the following provision on entry into force:

3.-(1) This Act shall come into force on 1 September 2009.

(2) The date of entry into force of section 1, nos. 3, 33, and 34, shall be decided by the Minister for Science, Technology and Innovation.

(3)-(4) (Omitted)

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