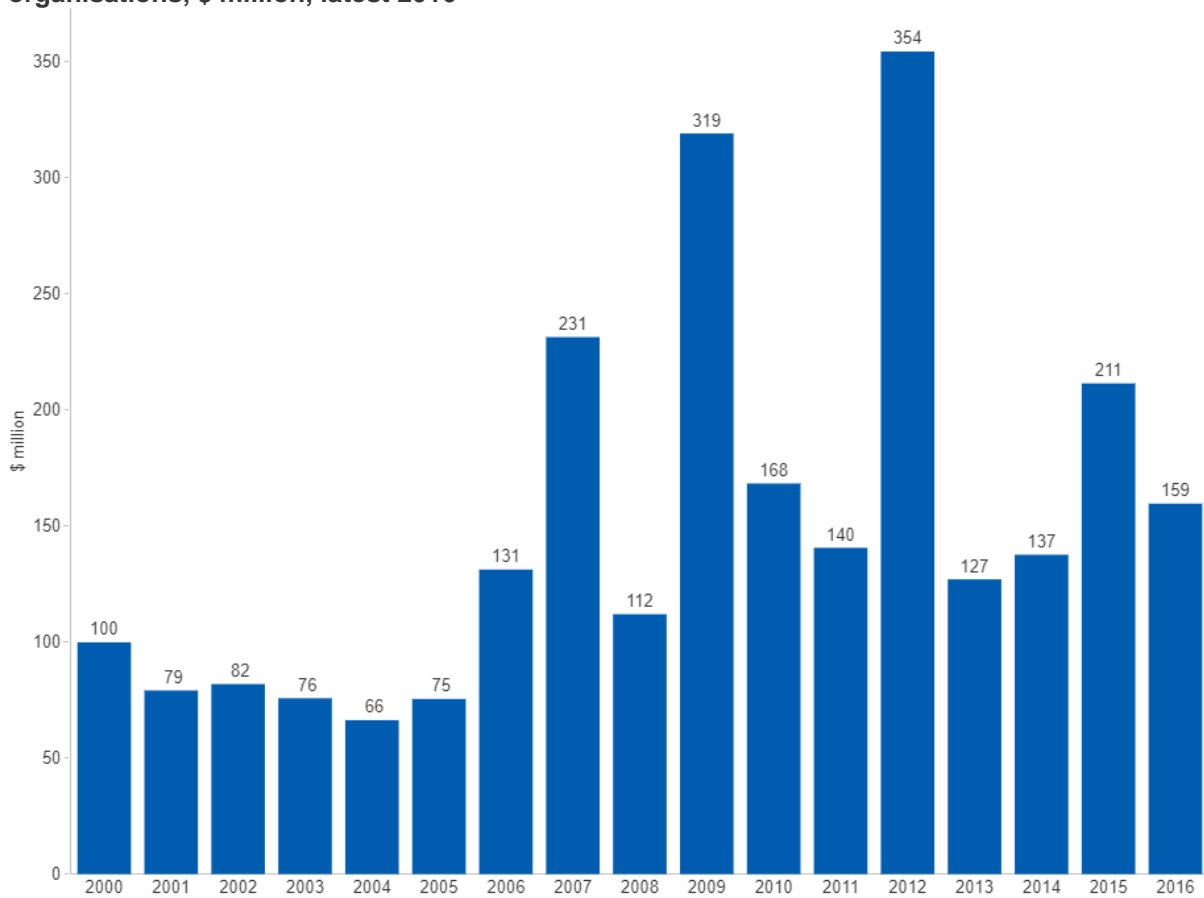


4.1.6 Income from active licences, options and assignments (LOAs) obtained by research organisations

Many Australian universities, medical research institutes and public research organisations license intellectual property (IP) to third parties including businesses. Active LOA deals that yield income provide an indication of IP with high commercial value as well as knowledge transfer between sectors. Survey data shows that total income in the research sector from licensing between 2006 and 2016 was over \$2 billion. Over the decade, LOA income varied with spikes seen in 2009 and 2012 which corresponds to large increases in data provided by *Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)*. This also points to a broader trend — LOA income data often varies from the number of active LOAs executed due to considerable variation at the institutional level in the value of licensing deals.¹

Figure: Income from active licences, options and assignments (LOAs) obtained by research organisations, \$ million, latest 2016



¹ Department of Industry, Innovation and Science (2019) *National Survey of Research Commercialisation* (<https://www.industry.gov.au/data-and-publications/national-survey-of-research-commercialisation>)