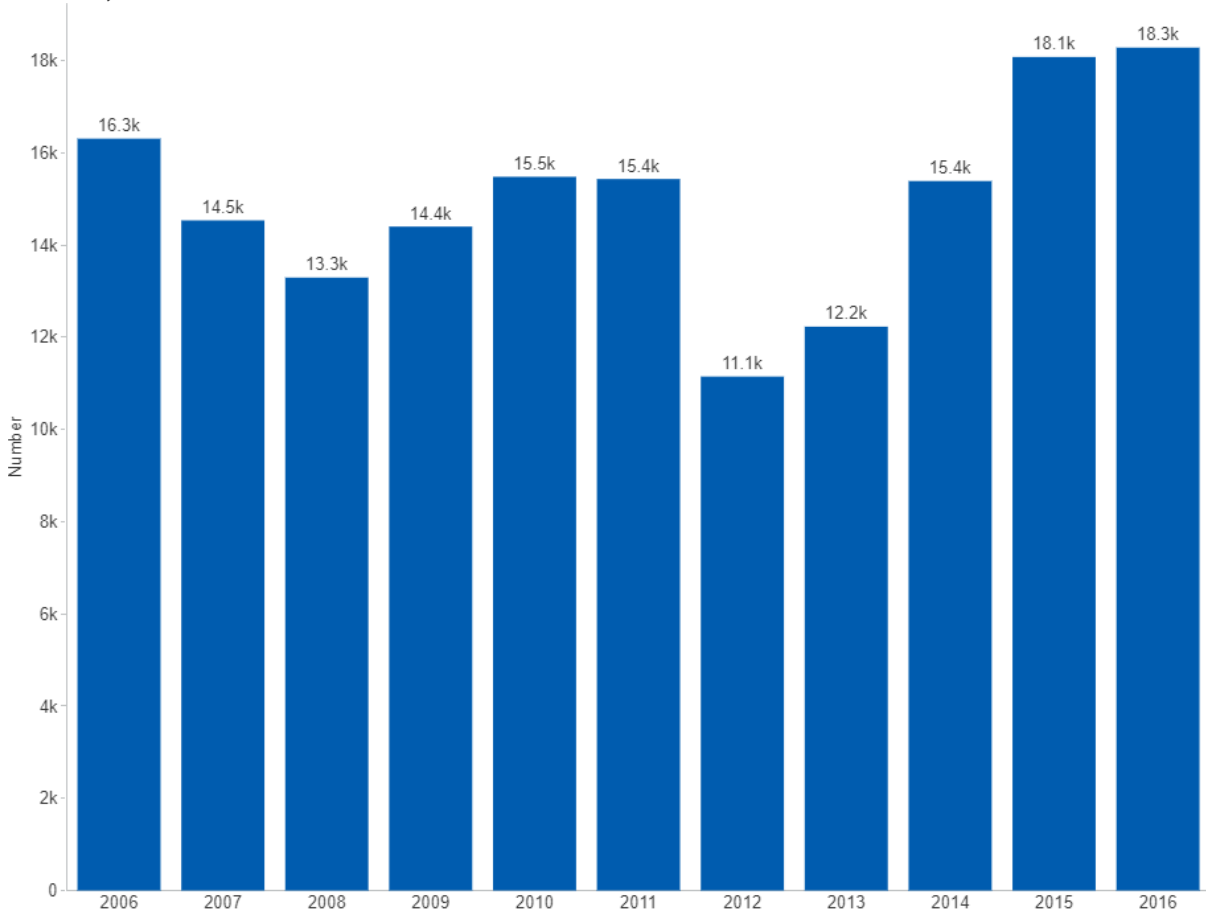


4.1.7 Consultancies, contracts and research collaborations with research organisations

A selection of Australian universities, medical research institutes and public research agencies are surveyed each year on their industry engagement via research-based consultancies, fee-for-service contracts and formal research collaborations. These activities provide an indication of how active the research sector is with respect to knowledge transfer to industry. Data shows that the number of consultancies, contracts and research collaborations undertaken from 2006 to 2016 fluctuated with an overall increase over the period. The largest number of consultancies, contracts and collaborations occurred in the most recent years with 18,076 and 18,279 activities reported in 2015 and 2016, respectively.¹

Figure: Consultancies, contracts and research collaborations with research organisations, number, 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>)