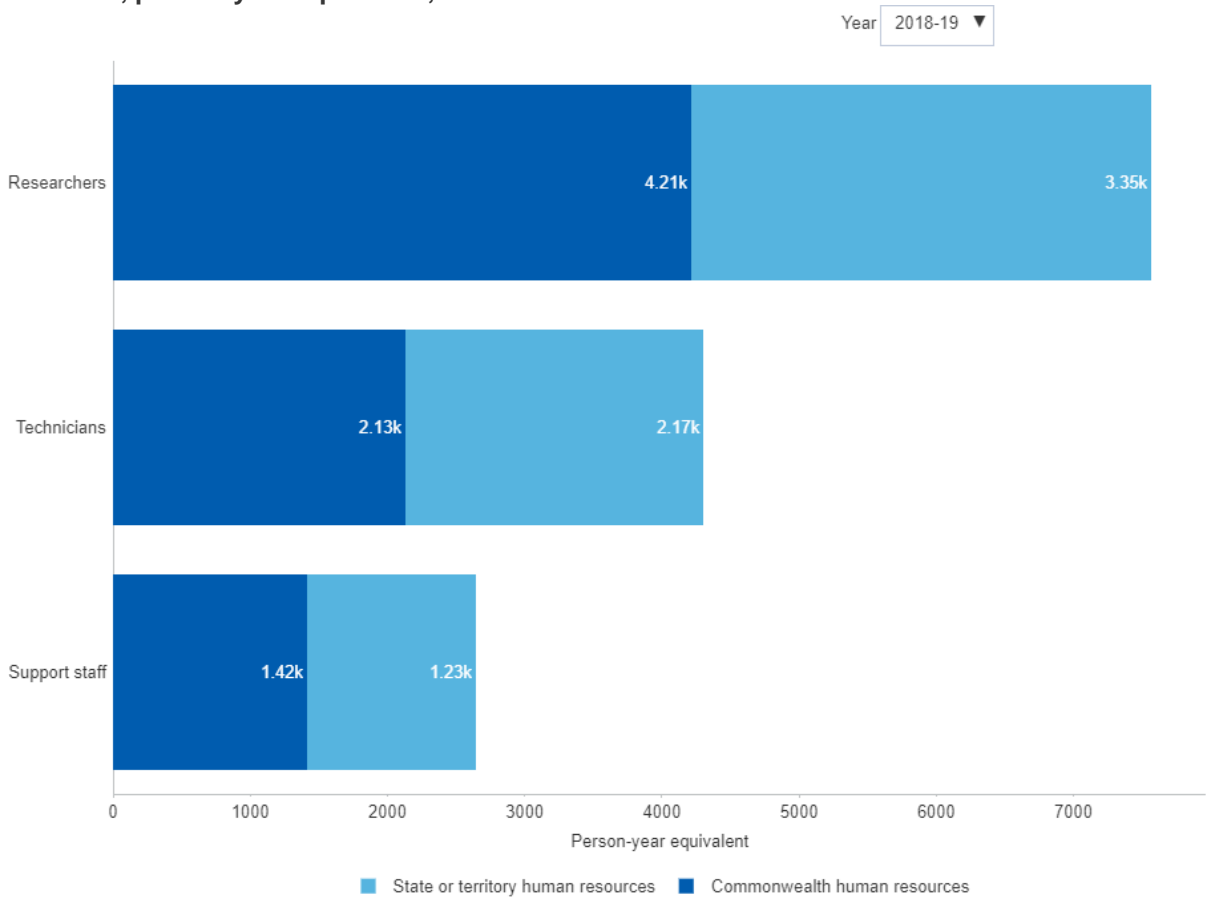


### 4.2.2 Government human resources devoted to R&D

In any sector, researchers are the main subset of the total human resources devoted to R&D. Important non-research functions related to the conduct of R&D are performed by personnel including *Technicians* and *Support staff*. In the government sector across both Commonwealth, state and territory governments, *Researchers* consistently account for around half of total government human resources devoted to R&D (7,570 person-year equivalent out of 14,521 in 2018–19). Commonwealth human resources devoted to R&D — including not only *Researchers* but also *Technicians* and *Support staff* — peaked in 2012–13 at 9,820 person-year equivalent before declining to 7,763 in 2018–19.<sup>1</sup>

**Figure: Government human resources devoted to R&D, by level of government, by type of resource, person-year equivalent, latest 2018–19**



<sup>1</sup> ABS, *Research and Experimental Development, Government and Private Non-Profit Organisations, Australia*, Cat. No. 8109.0 (<https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/industry/technology-and-innovation/research-and-experimental-development-government-and-private-non-profit-organisations-australia/latest-release>)