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Case Study: Research Translation in the Policy Environment

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Introduction

- **Context**
- **ISCRR Approach**
- **Agenda Setting**
- **Research to Action Model**

ISCRR's Partners

- **Worker's Compensation: WorkSafe Victoria:**

Responsible for workplace safety, and the treatment and rehabilitation of Victorians injured at work

\$1.8 billion spent on claims for health and rehabilitation in 10/11

- **Transport : Transport Accident Compensation (TAC)**

Compensation for the treatment and rehabilitation of Victorians injured in a transport accident.

\$937 million spent on health and rehabilitation services in 10/11

- **Academia: Monash University**

Group of 8 Teaching and Research University

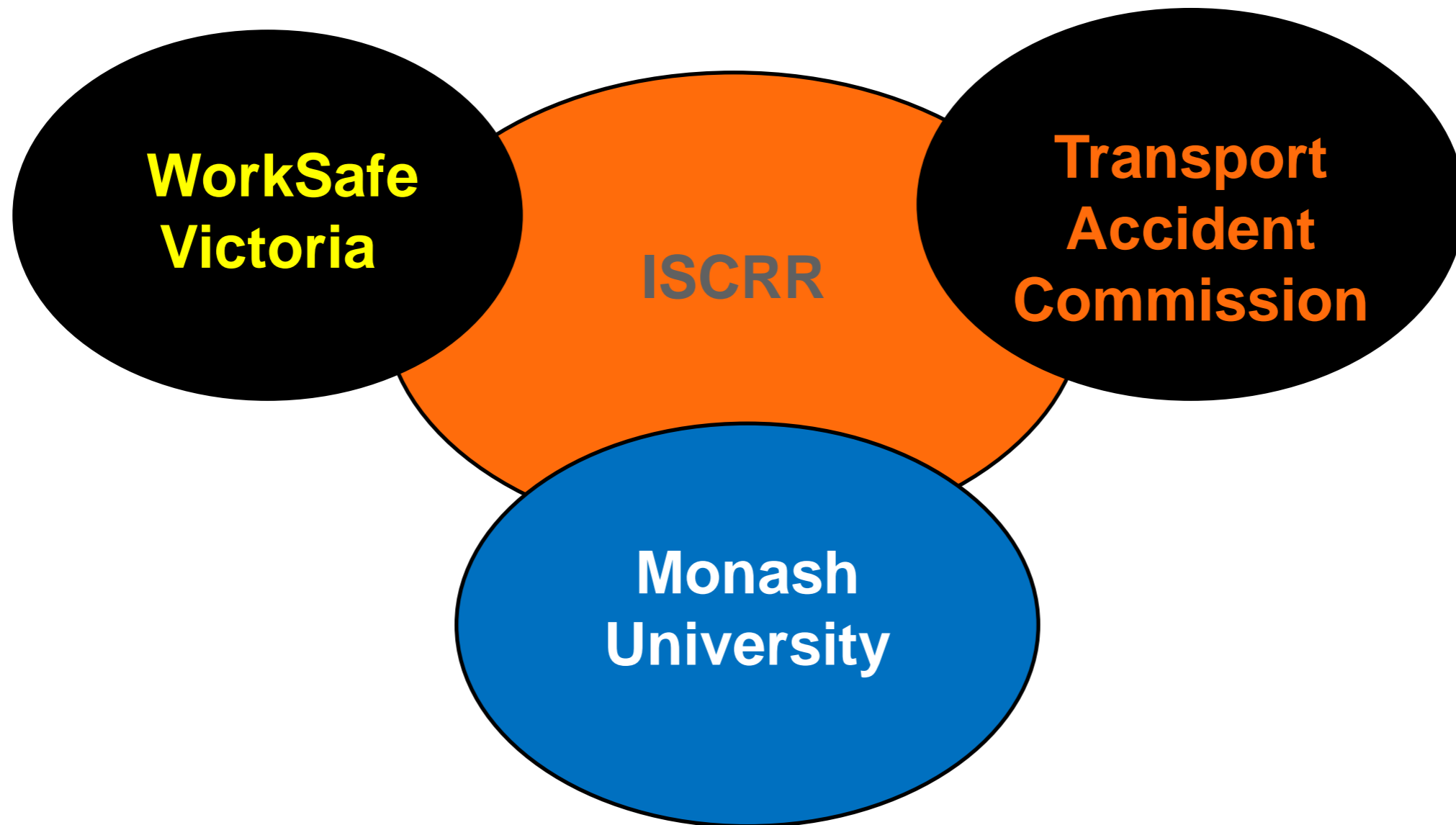
62,000 students, 15,000 staff, 6 Australian campuses



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ISCRR's Position

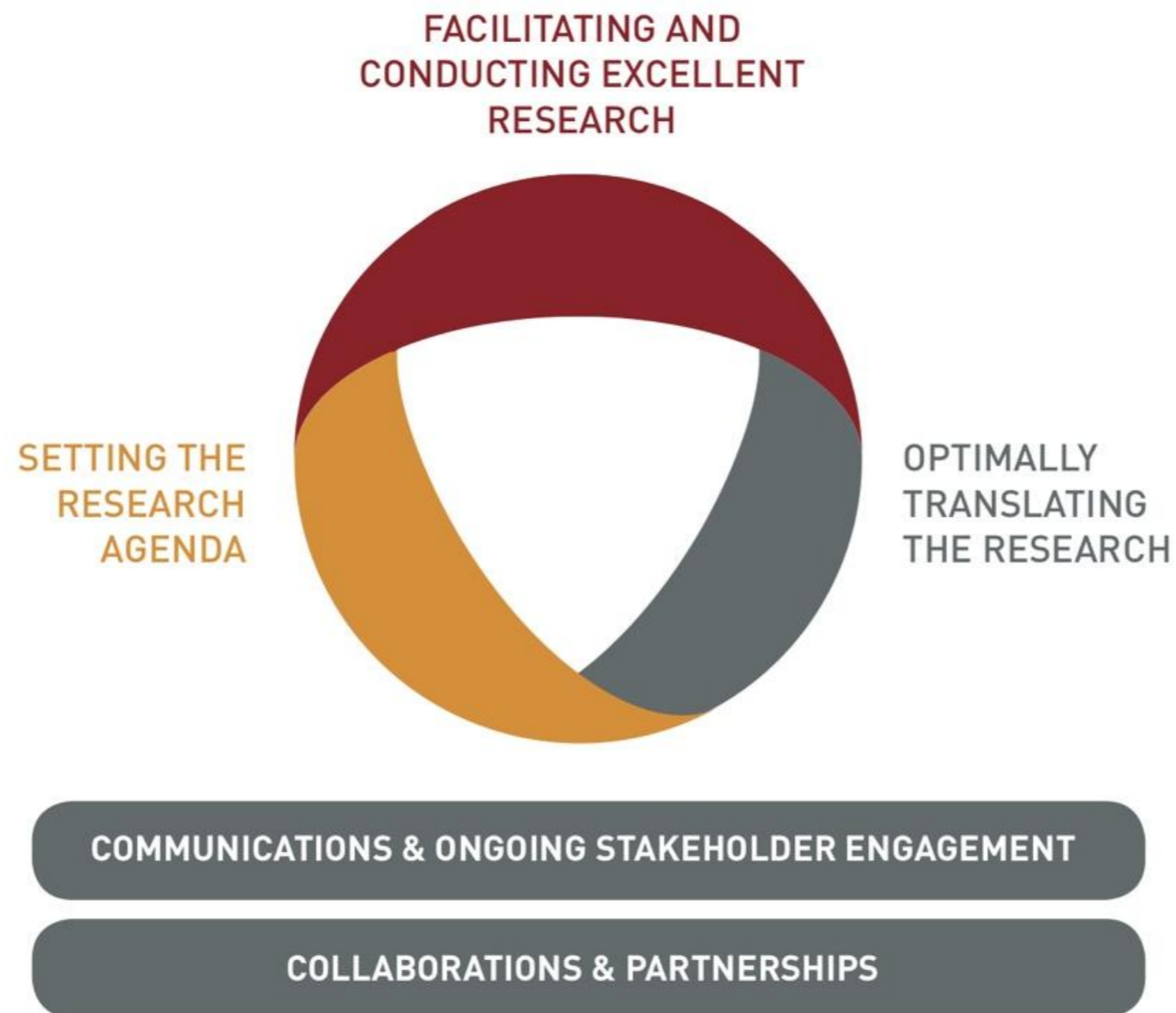
- ISCRR conducts and facilitates research



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Strategic approach



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Agenda Setting

- **Extensive Consultations**
- **Collaborative Approach**
- **Futures Initiative**
- **Output: Research Strategy to 2015**
- **Workshops**

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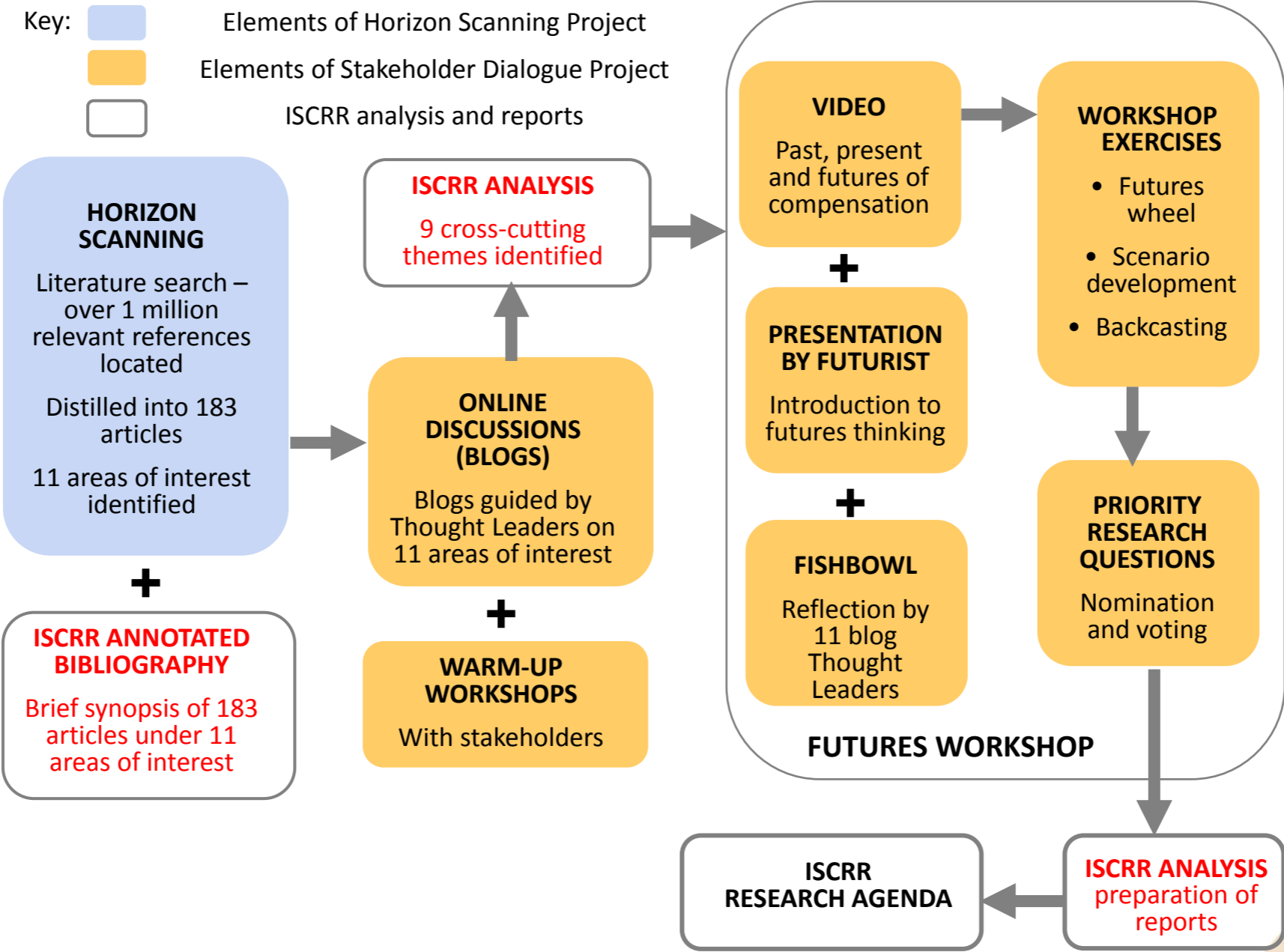


Collaboration and Consultation

- **Over 50 face to face meetings held with researchers from Monash and other universities, and senior managers from WorkSafe Victoria and the TAC.**
- **Many other relevant individuals and organisations were also consulted**
- **Questions:**
 - **what are the priority evidence needs in compensation health in Victoria?**
 - **What research is needed by the academic and policy partners?**
- **Draft strategy document circulated to all participants from the meetings for comment**

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ISCRR Futures Initiative



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Futures Studies



“...most decision makers at all levels simply want information that can justify their pre-understandings of past, present and future...”

Sohail Inayatullah, Futurist, 1990

Futures: Futures Workshop October 2010

- Participants were encouraged to use "futures methodology" to reflect on, and articulate, different scenarios for the future of OHS, compensation schemes and services delivery.
- Participants also proposed how their preferred scenarios, which emphasised prevention and working in partnership, could be achieved.
- Results available at www.iscrr.com.au
- Considered in development of research strategy

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RESEARCH STRATEGY TO 2015

Research Strategy to 2015

- **Research Programs**

1. **Performance measurement**
2. **Efficiency and effectiveness of regulatory systems**
3. **Health and disability services delivery**
4. **Social factors**
5. **Research Translation**

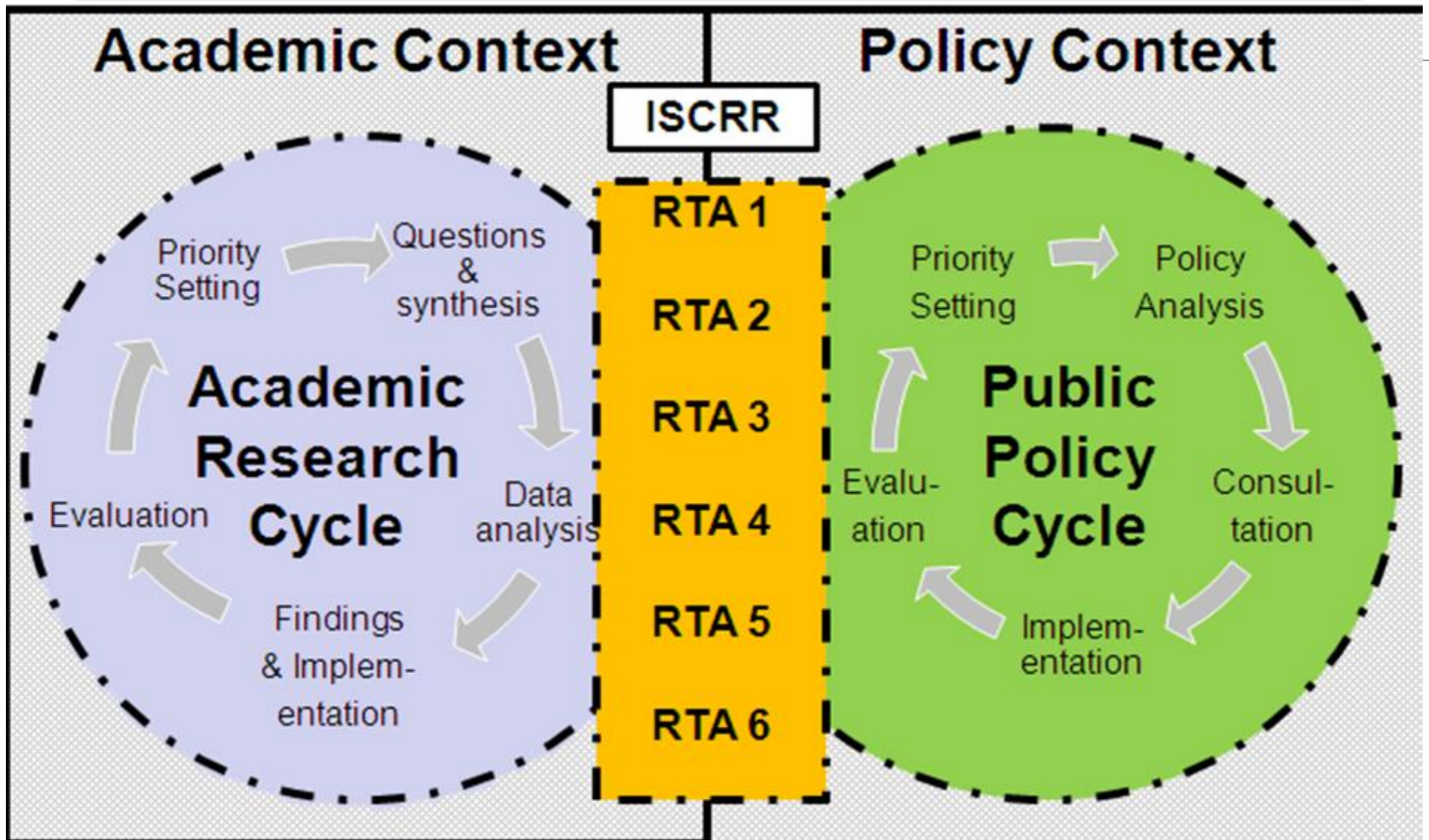
- **Supporting Activities**

- **Evidence Synthesis**
- **Compensation Research Database**
- **Capacity Building**
- **Stakeholder Engagement**

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ISCRR RTA MODEL



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RTA Model: Stages 1-3

- **RTA 1: Set Research Agenda** - in a collaborative process between ISCRR, WorkSafe, the TAC, the research community and other key stakeholders.
- **RTA 2: Formulate Research Questions** - in a collaborative process between the researchers and the end users of the research in WorkSafe and the TAC.
- **RTA 3: Doing Research** - collaboration continues with sharing of information about the direction and findings of the research and relevant activities of the stakeholders which could impact on the research.

RTA Model: Stages 4-6

- **RTA 4: RTA products and Implementation involves products and processes used to implement research findings in a relevant, actionable and timely manner.**
- **RTA 5: Review is an evaluation of the process, impact or outcome of research projects in a collaborative process between the researchers and the stakeholders of the research.**
- **RTA 6: Integrated Ongoing RTA. At this point the physical and operational barriers that separate the research and policy cycles begin to breakdown resulting in an ongoing integration of researchers and policymakers.**

Assessing Impact

ISCRR must meet annual target key performance indicators for:

- **Acceptance of research project plans by partners**
- **Research output**
- **Competitive grants and external income**
- **Engagement with partner schemes**
- **Impact on policy and practice of partner schemes, return on investment**
- **Stakeholder satisfaction**
- **Collaborations and partnerships**

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