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Research to Focus on Type 1 Juvenile Diabetes

Jason Wood MP today congratulated the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) on receiving funding from the Australian Government to fund important research into Type 1 juvenile diabetes.

Minister for Education, the Hon. Christopher Pyne MP, announced approval of the funding and commencement of the Australian Research Council (ARC) *Special Research Initiative for Type 1 Juvenile Diabetes* in Adelaide today.

A total of \$35 million has been approved for the Initiative, with \$7 million to be allocated per year over five years. Funding for the Initiative is administered by the ARC and the Initiative will be led by the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

"The approval of this funding by the Minister allows payments to commence and for this vital Initiative to begin, and I would like to thank local resident Deb Bayley for bringing the issue to my attention," Jason Wood said.

"This funding will allow researchers to undertake high-quality research and continue to make significant progress towards finding a cure for Type 1 juvenile diabetes. The information poster that we managed to get into pharmacies state-wide is a start, but this kind of research is absolutely vital."

Type 1 diabetes is a life-long auto-immune disease that usually occurs in childhood but can be diagnosed at any age. It is one of the most common chronic diseases in children and most newly diagnosed cases are in people less than 15 years of age.

Minister Pyne said today that the Initiative will build a national capability of research excellence to tackle diabetes at a world class standard in addition to bringing together established researchers with track records in the field.

"Australia has a proven record of progress in this difficult area of research," Mr Pyne said.

"This initiative will build Australia's capacity in Type 1 juvenile diabetes research and position our researchers for national and international collaboration, delivery, adoption and investment," Mr Pyne said.

For information on the *Special Research Initiative for Type 1 Juvenile Diabetes* visit the [ARC website](#).

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