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An Interesting Opinion about the *RAE* in the UK (*RQF* is an Analogue of *RAE*)

As Australia begins to think about its research quality framework, and since Britain has been through a succession of similar exercises, known as the Research Assessment Exercise, Tim Birkhead* in his article *Beware the grant-getting lottery* (The Australian, 6 June 2007) thought it might be useful to

draw up a balance sheet so Australian academics may be prepared for some of the consequences of adopting a similar system.

*Tim Birkhead is professor of behaviour and evolution at the University of Sheffield. He is a fellow of the Royal Society and the author of

several books. His chapter in de Burgh et al, *Can the Prizes Still Glitter?* (University of Buckingham Press, 2007) expands on many of the issues in this article.

www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,20867,21855132-12332,00.html

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Reed Elsevier pulls out of organising arms fairs

Anti-arms trade campaigners and writers at **Reed Elsevier's** scientific journals welcomed the publisher's move to pull out from organising defence shows.

Reed Elsevier pulls out of organising arms fairs by Katie Allen, **Guardian** Unlimited, Friday June 1, 2007

<http://business.guardian.co.uk/story/0,,2093273,00.html>

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Fast breaking paper in the field of Psychiatry/ Psychology (June 2007)

"The paper provides preliminary evidence that persons who more often experience positive emotions such as happiness, enthusiasm, and calmness, are less likely to develop a range of diseases, live longer, and experience fewer symptoms and less pain."

Carl Linnaeus –300



One of Carl Linnaeus's drawings after returning from his travels to Lapland (Sapmi),

http://www.visitsweden.com/VSTemplates/Article___59415.aspx

<http://www.usyd.edu.au/news/84.html?newsstoryid=1584>

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