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## ACE 2017 Does Gender Balance in Economics Matter?



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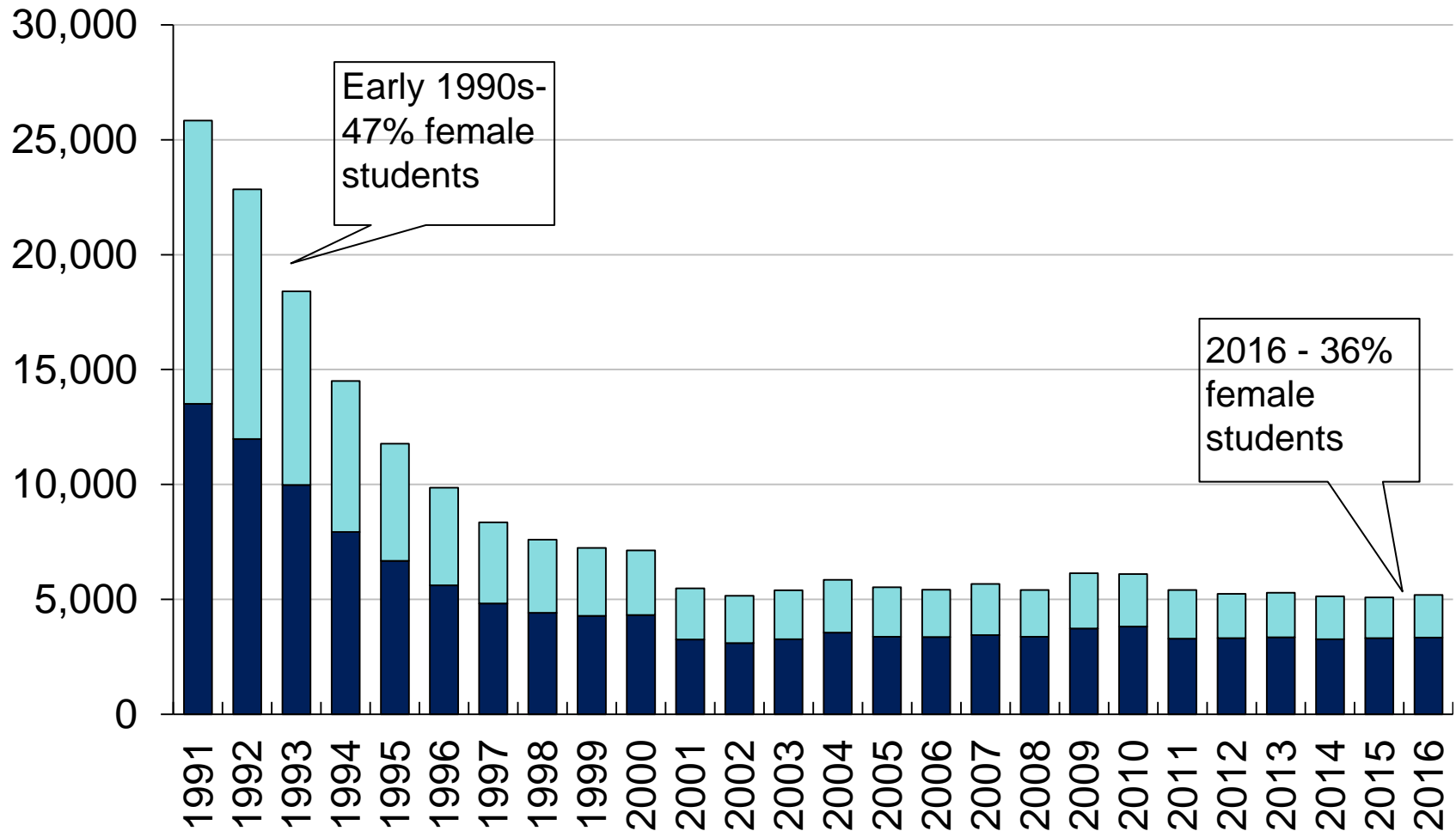
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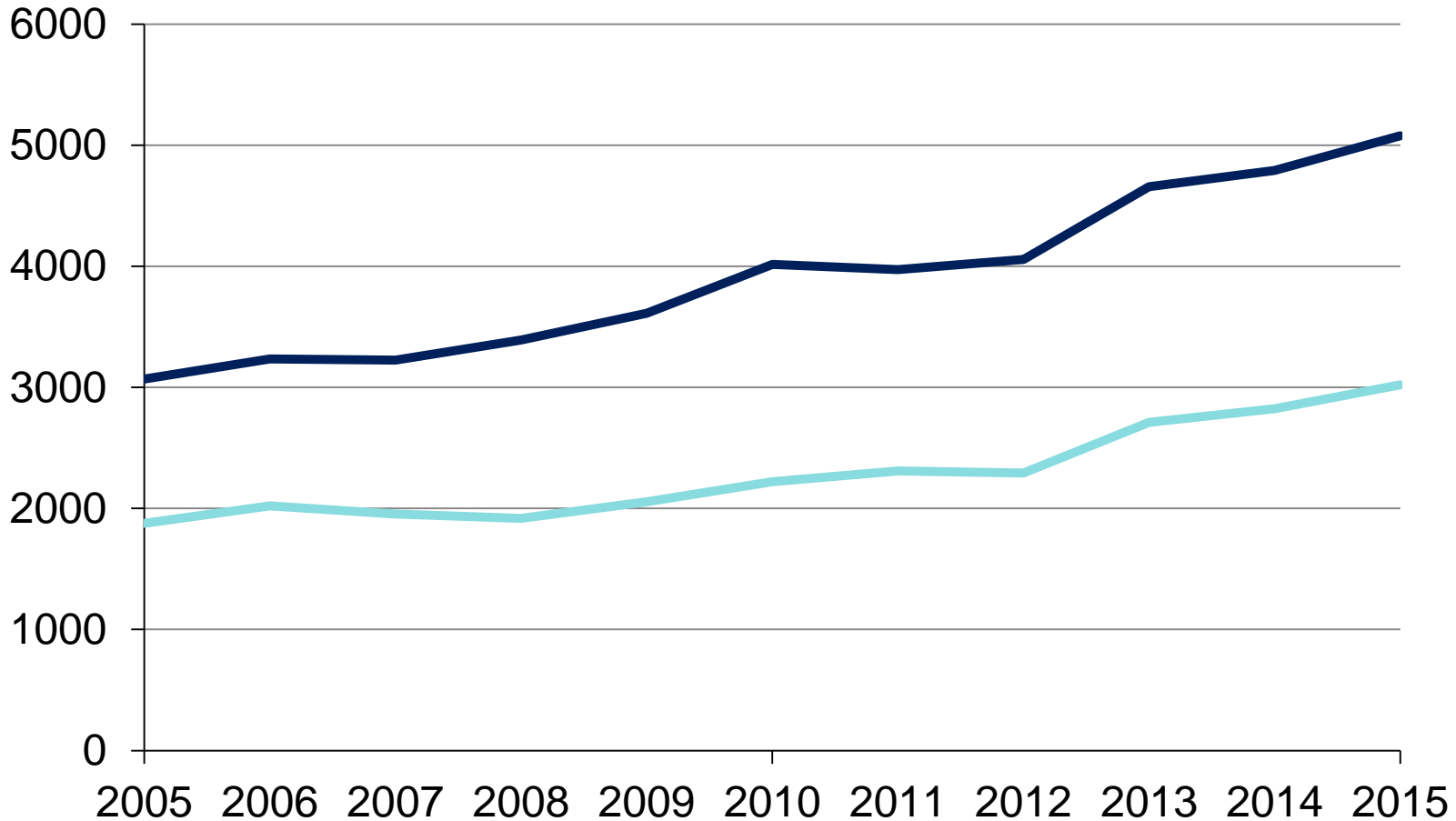
# The number students (esp women) studying economics at high school has declined

## Number of NSW HSC students



# For every 3 females studying economics at university there are 5 males

## Number of economics students, by gender

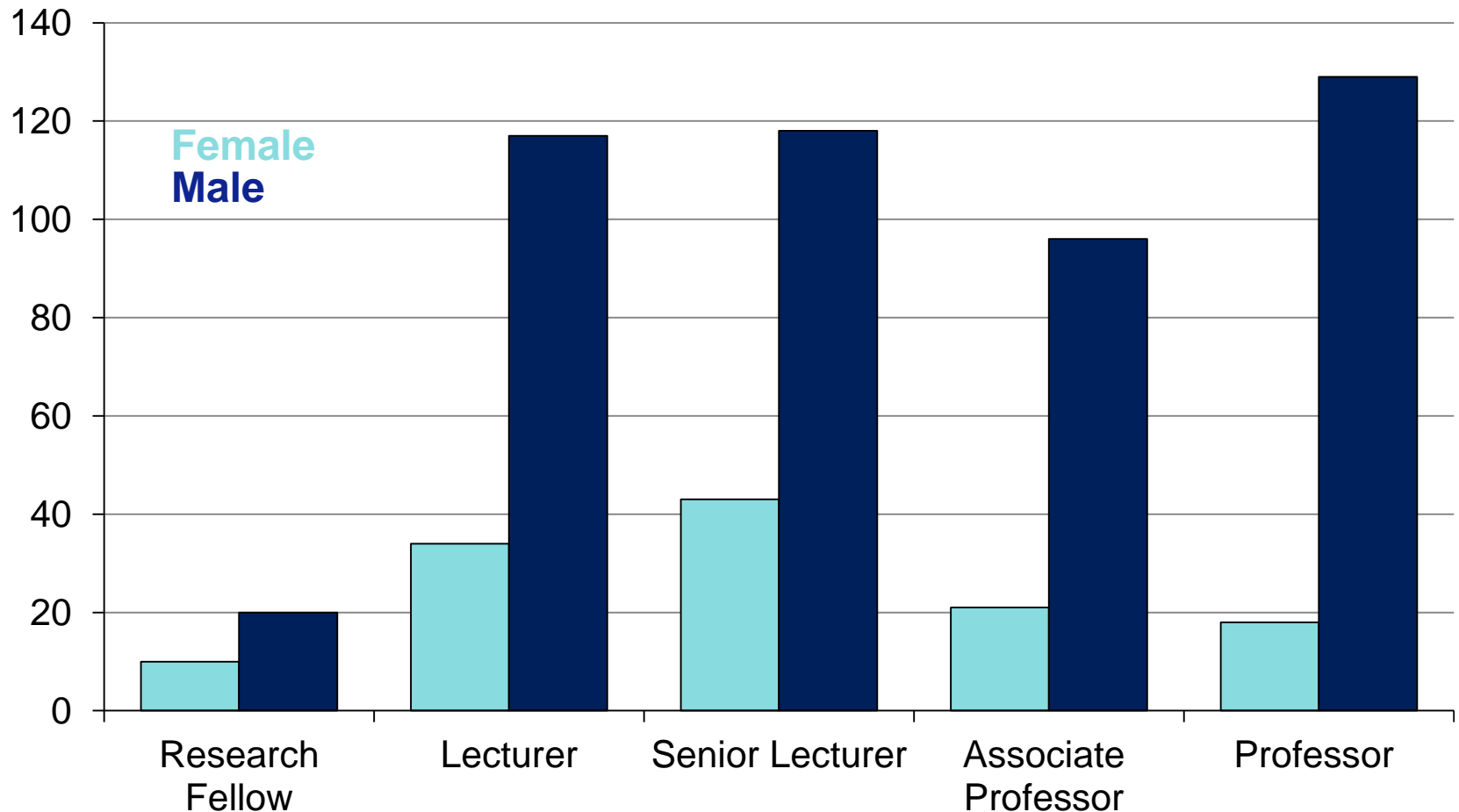


*Notes:* A student is enrolled in economics if any of their units of study that semester had a field of education code of Economics or Econometrics. Only those with a valid CHESSN are counted (i.e. Commonwealth-supported students or those accessing HECS/HELP).

*Source:* Women in Economics analysis of Department of Education unit record data.

# Only 13% of economics professors are female

## Gender breakdown of Australian economics departments responding to ESA survey



*Note: Data compiled from survey of 41 Australian University economics departments. 18 departments responded to the survey including 4 Go8. Data for the other Go8 were added from the university websites.*

*Source: Economic Society of Australia (2016)*

# And women have not reached senior economic leadership roles

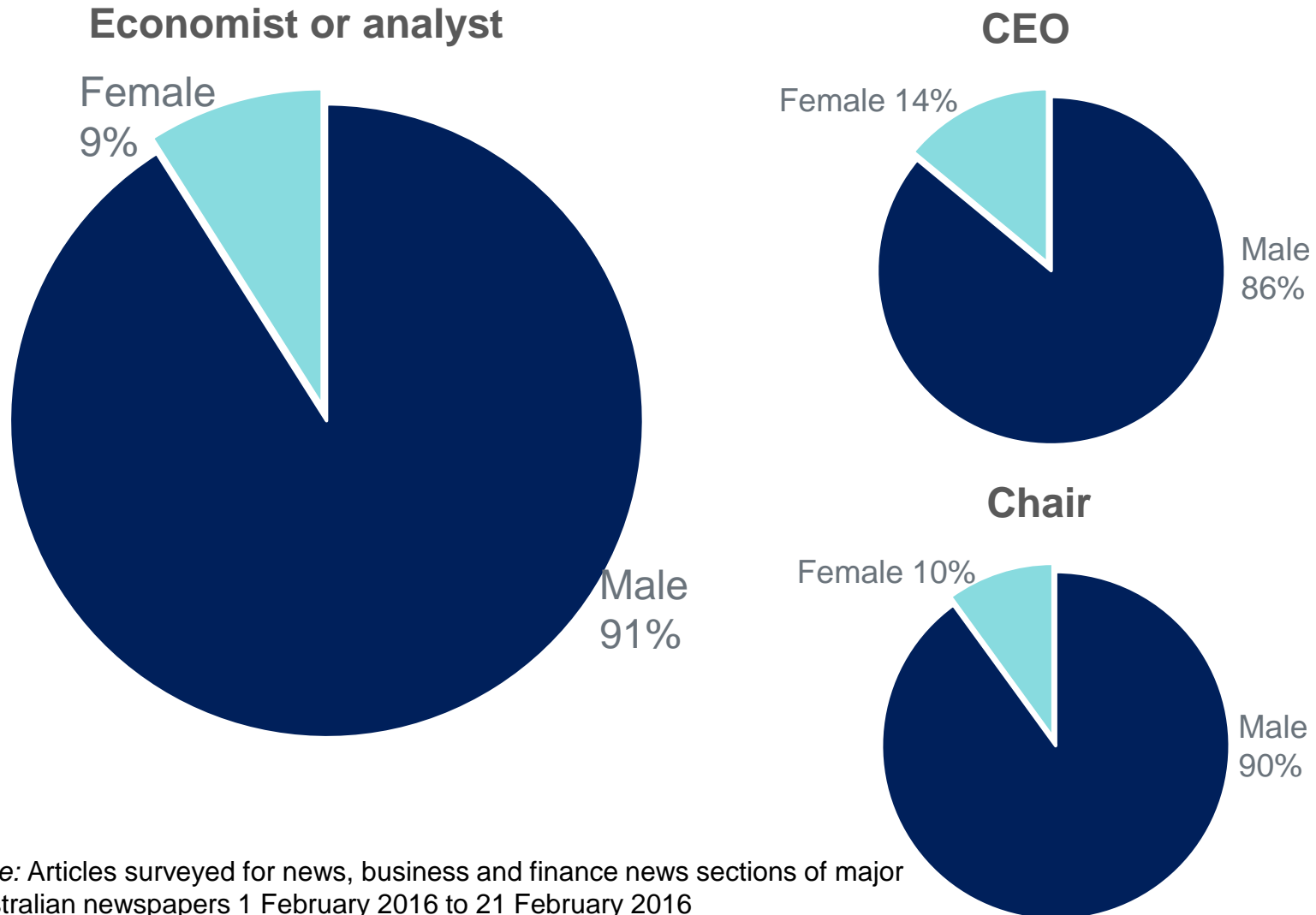


But the senior ranks of our economic regulation and policy space have remained quite closed to women...

We have never had a female secretary to the Treasury. Or a female Reserve Bank governor. Or deputy governor. Or female chair of the ACCC. Or APRA. Or ASIC. Or the Future Fund. Or the Productivity Commission. I think you get the gist.

# Female economists rarely appear in the media

## Percentage of female sources quoted in surveyed newspaper articles



*Note:* Articles surveyed for news, business and finance news sections of major Australian newspapers 1 February 2016 to 21 February 2016

*Source:* Women's Leadership Institute Australia, *Women for Media Report 2016*

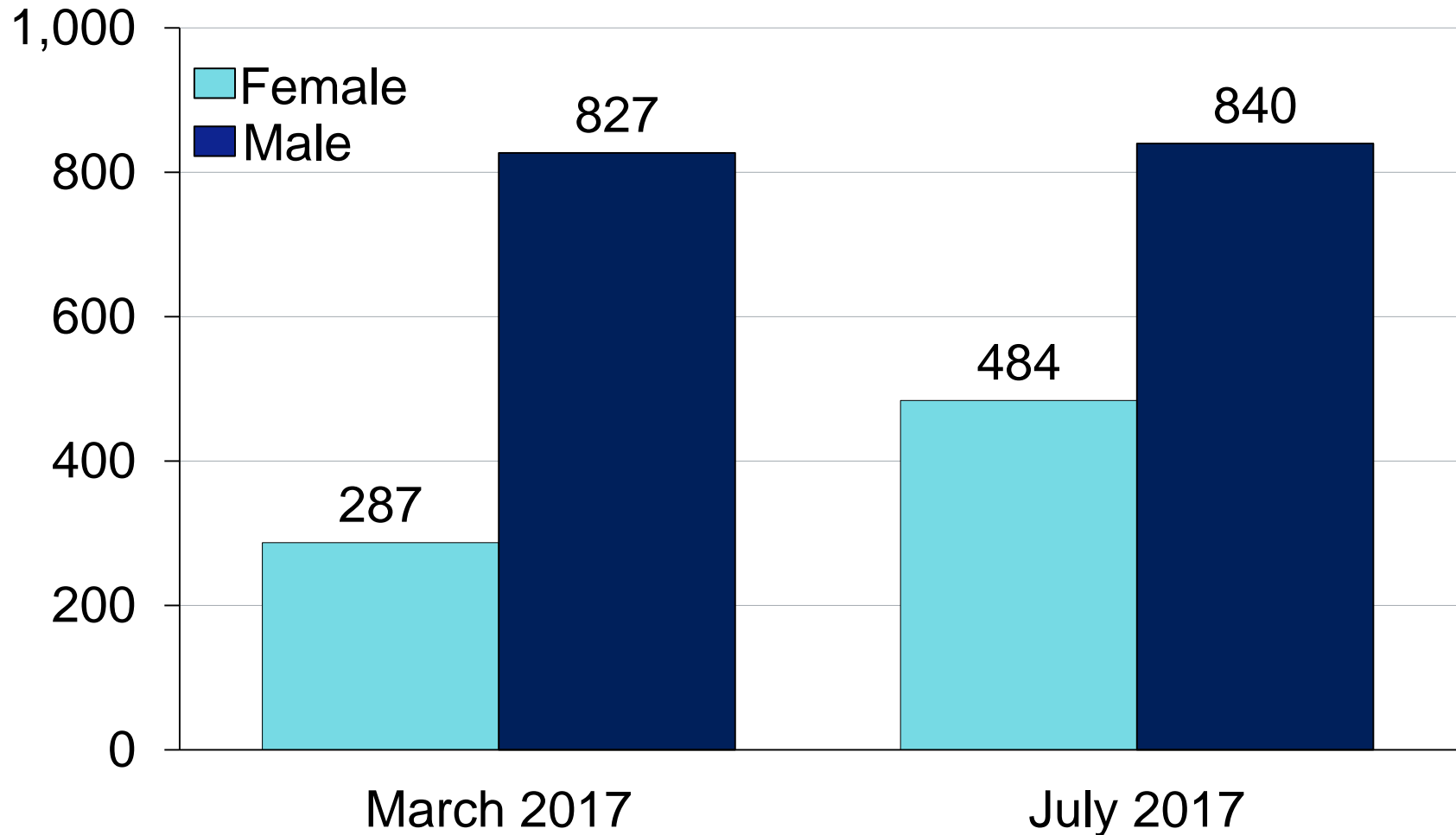
# Objectives of Women in Economics Network

- Professionally connect and support the career development of women in economics
- Increase the representation of women at all levels of the economics profession
- Promote contributions by female economists



# WEN is supporting more women to professionally connect

Membership of Economic Society of Australia, by gender (where identified)





## WEN in 2017

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| <b>Events</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• More than 650 people attended WEN launch events</li><li>• Events with high profile speakers including RBA Assistant Governor <b>Luci Ellis</b>, journalist <b>Jess Irvine</b>, Shadow Treasurer <b>Chris Bowen</b>, OECD Chief Economist <b>Catherine Mann</b>, Professor Jeni Klugman</li><li>• 24 women selected for 2017 Women in Economics retreat</li></ul>                  |
| <b>Advocacy</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Connecting members with media outlets and conference organisers seeking female economists</li><li>• Advocating to increase the number of women on the National Economic Panel (8 new women added in 2017)</li><li>• Hosted special session at ACE and first all female economic panel at the National Press Club</li><li>• Nominating women for Economic Society prizes</li></ul> |
| <b>Pipeline</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Nominating female economists for university careers panels and presentations to Student Societies</li><li>• Working with closely teachers and Teacher's Associations to promote the study of economics to high school students</li><li>• Developing video to show high school students the diverse careers available for economists</li></ul>                                     |

## Join us!

### Individuals

Joining WEN is free when you become a member of Economic Society of Australia in your state. Visit <http://esawen.org.au/> for more details.

Remember to tick this box:

Would you like to join our Women in Economics Network?

### Employers

We welcome any offers of financial support or support in kind. You can get in contact with us here: <http://esawen.org.au/contact>

Or support your employees to become WEN members.



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