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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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AGENCY: COMMONWEALTH SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH ORGANISATION

TOPIC: G'day USA activities

REFERENCE: Question on Notice (Hansard, 2 March 2017, page 75-76)

QUESTION No.: AI-22

Senator KIM CARR: The question then arises about the work of other activities like the G'day USA activities. Have you sponsored an award there? CSIRO sponsored an individual award presented—

Senator Sinodinos: That was earlier this year. Do you mean this year?

Senator KIM CARR: Is that true or not? Did I get that right or have I been misinformed?

Dr Marshall: I do not think we sponsored an award.

Senator KIM CARR: So you did not sponsor an award?

Dr Marshall: I do not believe so.

Senator KIM CARR: So you certainly had no-one at the G'Day USA awards this year?

Senator Sinodinos: You mean at the big flashy function—

Senator KIM CARR: It was a very flashy function.

Dr Marshall: In Los Angeles?

Senator KIM CARR: I thought it was this year. Did you have someone there?

Dr Marshall: We made an announcement on the Saturday of the launch of the office, and I was at the dinner on Saturday night.

Senator KIM CARR: How many from CSIRO attended the dinner?

Dr Marshall: I believe there were two of us.

Senator KIM CARR: And you had no awards?

Dr Marshall: No. I left the dinner at 9 o'clock to fly home for my son's birthday, so I missed most of it.

Senator KIM CARR: I am very pleased about that, and I am sure your son will be.

Dr Marshall: He is 14. He does not appreciate much, unfortunately.

Senator KIM CARR: Did you sponsor an award?

Dr Marshall: I will take it on notice, but I do not think we did.

Senator KIM CARR: I will put some other questions on notice, because it is a threshold issue—did you or did you not?

CHAIR: I think they have given their answer pretty clearly. They do not know.

Senator KIM CARR: There are actually surprises that flow from it. Do we have some advice on that matter?

Mr Roy: We will have to provide more information for you on notice. It appears that we may have sponsored an award for the event, but I do not have the information with me.

ANSWER

CSIRO did not sponsor any awards associated with the Los Angeles Launch of the Global Alumni Strategy and Alumni Reception in Los Angeles attended by Dr Marshall on 28 January 2017.

CSIRO was a sponsor of the Australian Innovation Awards at the Australia American Chamber of Commerce Australia Day Gala in San Francisco on 21 January 2017.

The sponsorship of \$USD 5,000 included:

- 10 Reception tickets and premium event seating,
- Naming rights of the “CSIRO Innovation Award for an individual”
- Presentation of the Award with the Consul General (which was made by Assistant Minister Laundry)
- Exposure as Award Sponsor and placement of a linkable logo on the Australian American Chamber of Commerce website from October 2016 to February of 2017

The award recipient was not selected by CSIRO, but by an independent panel.