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TOPIC: Staff employed by the CRC

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QUESTION No.: AI-61

Senator KETTER: Can you tell me how many staff will be employed by the CRC—or is that a board decision?

Senator Canavan: I do not have those figures at my fingertips, sorry. It is not a large number of staff. The benefits of the organisation are definitely about the \$75 million we have allocated to it, which we spent right across Northern Australia. From memory, just to try to be helpful—and I will put a contingency on it—I think it is less than 10. I might take that on notice and get back to you, Senator Ketter.

ANSWER

Specific employment arrangements will be determined by the Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) for Developing Northern Australia Board.

CRCs generally employ a small number of administrative staff. Participants in CRCs may also contribute staff to support the work of a CRC.