

**Economics Legislation Committee**  
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
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**AGENCY:** CSIRO

**TOPIC:** CSIRO working paper on the future of education in Australia.

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Carr

**QUESTION No.:** SI-98

- 1) What work is the CSIRO engaged in with the Department of Education and Training regarding "CSIRO working paper on the future of education in Australia.", Contract notice ID CN3369566?
- 2) What is the project?
- 3) What expertise does the CSIRO bring in relation to this project?
- 4) What are the expected outcomes likely to be?
- 5) Will the working paper be published?

**ANSWER**

- 1) CSIRO Education and Outreach and the Data61 Foresighting team have completed a pilot study for the Department of Education and Training on the Future of Education in Australia.
- 2) The project is a pilot project to scope a much larger and extensive foresighting project on the future of education in Australia. The pilot project has identified likely themes and the scope and scale of a full program of work relating to the future of education in Australia.
- 3) CSIRO's Education and Outreach team are K – 12 education experts and Data61's Foresighting team is experienced in strategic foresighting and the identification of megatrends.
- 4) If the full project proceeds the end product will be a comprehensive report outlining trends and megatrends for the future of education in Australia including a number of narratives for future scenarios.
- 5) No.