

# Environment and Communications References Committee

## Threat of marine plastic pollution in Australia

Thursday, 31 March 2016

### Answers to Questions on Notice

*Australian Food and Grocery Council*

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**Senator WHISH-WILSON:** Are you funding the current CSIRO study?

**Ms Barden:** The National Packaging Covenant Industry Association, through the Australian Packaging Covenant, is funding a separate study—a new study—that CSIRO is undertaking.

**Senator WHISH-WILSON:** How much are you putting into that?

**Ms Barden:** I can come back with the exact figure. It is a significant amount; it is in the order of a couple of hundred thousand dollars.

**Senator WHISH-WILSON:** A couple of hundred thousand dollars?

**Ms Barden:** That is right. I can come back with the exact figure.

**Senator WHISH-WILSON:** That does not sound like a significant amount to me, to be genuine. I am not having a go, but that does not sound like very much money for a marine plastic study. If you could let the committee know, that would be great.

### ANSWER

#### **CSIRO: Policy and practices analysis to reduce littering and identify source point losses**

Total Project value: \$336,000 (\$168,000 from Recipient and \$168,000 from NPCIA)