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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Industry, Innovation, Climate Change, Science, Research and Tertiary Education Portfolio
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: COMMONWEALTH SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH ORGANISATION (CSIRO)

TOPIC: Industry and Innovation Statement

REFERENCE: Written Question –Senator Bushby

QUESTION No.: BI-68

On how many occasions (and on what date(s) specifically) did the CSIRO formally discuss the Government's so-called Industry and Innovation Statement with the Department of Industry in the lead-up to the public release of the Statement on 17 February 2013? How much input did CSIRO specifically have into the Statement, and how extensive and specific were the discussions between CSIRO and the Industry Department in relation to the establishment of the Government's Innovation Precincts?

ANSWER

CSIRO provided formal input to the former Department of Innovation, Industry, Science, Research and Tertiary Education (the Department) on the Industry and Innovation Statement (the Statement) on at least four occasions through meetings or other formal engagements during the period of September and October 2012 and January and February 2013. CSIRO also provided input to the Statement through a number of informal exchanges with Departmental officers who were developing plans for the Industry Innovation Precincts. The discussions between CSIRO and the Department were directed towards the objectives and planning for the Industry Innovation Precincts component of the Statement and also in relation to one aspect of the financial arrangements included in the Statement that impacted CSIRO.