

Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)

TOPIC: Funding Agreement

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QUESTION No.: AI-59

What is the current status of negotiations with the Government on the development of CSIRO's next quadrennial funding agreement?

ANSWER

For clarity, whilst the CSIRO Quadrennial Funding Agreement (QFA) is positioned as an agreement on CSIRO funding, the agreements recently put in place by government have confirmed that the agreement provisions are secondary to decisions of government articulated in each budget and set out in the forward estimates within the Portfolio Budget Statement. Noting this, CSIRO is considering the renewal of the existing QFA which is due to expire at the end of the 2014-15 Financial Year.