

Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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AGENCY: CSIRO

TOPIC: ON program

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Carr

QUESTION No.: AI-161

1. Did CSIRO employ consultants or contractors to help establish the ON program?
 - a. If so, please provide details of each of these consultancies or contracts.
 - b. Were these contracts or consultancies subject to a competitive process? If not, why not?

ANSWER

1. Yes, CSIRO employed consultants and contractors to help establish the ON Program.
 - a. A consultancy was awarded to Ernst & Young at a cost of \$237,117 and completed over twelve weeks. In addition to this, a single contractor was also employed to help establish the Entrepreneur in Residence section of the program.
 - b. Both the consultant and the contractor were subject to CSIRO's standard competitive Request For Quote (RFQ) process.