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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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AGENCY: COMMONWEALTH SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH ORGANISATION

TOPIC: ATNF

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Carr

QUESTION No.: AI-123

1. Has CSIRO received a final budget from AAL?
2. How much funding will you be received in 2016/17, and over the forward estimates for the ATNF?
3. Have you progressed plans to seek external funds through selling time, or philanthropic contributions? If so what are those plans?

ANSWER

1. Yes CSIRO has received a final budget from AAL for 2016/17.
2. In 2016/17 CSIRO will receive \$3.2m from AAL towards the direct costs of operating the ATNF Telescopes. No decision on AAL funding in FY2017/18 or beyond has been made.
3. In November 2016 CSIRO published a call for Expressions of Interest in the sale of time on its ATNF facilities. A number of inquiries have been received and negotiations are progressing.