Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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AGENCY: COMMONWEALTH SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH ORGANISATION

TOPIC: Executive at-risk components of salary

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Senator KIM CARR: Did every one of the executive team get a bonus?

Dr Marshall: Yes, although I do not tend to look at it as a bonus; I tend to look at it as a portion of compensation that is at risk.

Senator KIM CARR: However you tend to look at it, were there additional payments paid to the executive?

Dr Marshall: Above base? Yes.

Senator KIM CARR: Every one of them?

Dr Marshall: Yes.

Senator KIM CARR: So despite the couple of years you have had, every one of the executives got a bonus?

Dr Marshall: I would say—

Senator KIM CARR: What I call a bonus, but you call—what is your definition?

Dr Marshall: Portion of the salary is at risk.

Senator KIM CARR: I see. They all got extra money? In the last two years, all the executives have got extra money?

Dr Marshall: All of the executives have received a portion of the at-risk component of their salary; none of them have received all of it.

Senator KIM CARR: I see, so no-one has got 100 per cent of the at-risk portion?

Dr Marshall: I do not believe so.

Senator KIM CARR: So what is the range?

Dr Marshall: I would have to take that on notice.

Senator KIM CARR: If yours was 85 per cent, did the rest of the team come in at 85 per cent each? Dr Marshall: As Mr Roy indicated, there is a component of individual KRAs, but we also base about half of the rating on the overall enterprise performance KRAs. So even if an executive got a higher rank here, if the organisational performance was not the same that would pull that score down.

Senator KIM CARR: I like to think this is a pretty straightforward matter. Most people would regard these as performance bonuses. What I am interested to know is what was the percentage that each of the executives received in regard to performance bonuses?

Dr Marshall: I would have to take that on notice.

Senator KIM CARR: If you cannot provide me with individuals, the percentages in a range would be satisfactory. Do you intend to publish the executive salaries in the future, not just for the CEO but for all the executives?

ANSWER

The at risk component is based on an *Enterprise Rating* determined by the CSIRO Board and an *Individual Performance Rating* determined by the Chief Executive. Each rating has a 50% weighting.

The Board determined the *Enterprise Rating* for 2015-2016 was 82%.

The range for the *Individual Performance Rating* determinations were:

- 2 Executive Team members rated "Exceeds expectations" (in the range of 85% to 94%)
- 3 Executive Team members rated "Meets expectations" (in the range of 60% to 84%)

CSIRO will publish senior executive salary bands for 2016-17 and future years in a manner similar to 2013-14.