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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: Commonwealth Scientific & Industrial Research Organisation

TOPIC: CSIRO's Involvement in CRCs

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Carr

QUESTION No.: BI-219

1. How many Co-operative research centres is CSIRO involved in? What is the nature of the involvement?
2. Can CSIRO list its level of investment in each co-operative Research Centre?
3. Was CSIRO involved in any bids, or was considering involvement in any, for the 17th round of the CRC Program which has now been cancelled? If yes, please list the bids.

ANSWER

1. CSIRO is active in 20 of the current 38 CRCs. CSIRO's engagement differs between CRCs dependent on the proportion of the CRC activities that are conducted by CSIRO. In some cases CSIRO is a foundation member of the CRC, in others the relationship may be on an individual project level.

2. CSIRO's direct life to date contribution for the 20 CRC's CSIRO was actively involved with as at 30 June 2013 is detailed below (actual figures for the 2013-14 financial year were not finalised at the time of preparing the response and therefore could not be included):

CRC	Date Established	Due to Cease	CSIRO's actual contributions life to date at 30 June 2013
Advanced Manufacturing CRC	1/04/2008	30/06/2014	3,265,551
Antarctic Climate and Ecosystems CRC	1/07/2003	30/06/2017	19,298,326
Australian Poultry CRC	1/07/2003	30/06/2017	22,552,691
Australian Seafood CRCb	1/07/2007	30/06/2014	5,585,684
AutoCRC - (extension of Advanced Automotive Technology CRC)	1/07/2012	30/06/2017	891,476
Bushfire CRC	1/07/2003	30/06/2013	4,536,123
CAST CRC ¹	1/07/2005	30/06/2012	31,177,462
CRC for Cancer Therapeutics	1/07/2007	30/06/2014	7,614,773
CRC for CARE	1/07/2011	30/06/2020	1,068,612
CRC for Low Carbon Living	1/07/2012	30/06/2019	846,532
CRC for Mental Health	1/07/2011	30/06/2018	2,077,123
CRC for Polymers	1/07/2012	30/06/2017	2,611,043
Deep Exploration Technologies CRC	1/07/2010	30/06/2016	12,447,158
Future Farm Industries CRC	1/07/2007	30/06/2014	13,781,388
Greenhouse Gas Technologies CRC	1/07/2003	30/06/2015	6,627,454
Invasive Animals CRC - (extension of Australasian Invasive Animals CRC)	1/07/2012	30/06/2017	972,614

National Plant Biosecurity CRC - (extension)	1/07/2012	30/06/2018	185,925
Remote Economic Participation CRC	1/07/2003	30/06/2017	754,150
Sheep Industry Innovation CRC	1/07/2007	30/06/2014	10,285,618
Vision CRC	1/07/2003	30/06/2017	12,999,965
Total			159,579,668

1 CAST CRC Program funding finished in June 2012 but the CRC continued operations in 2012-13 including entering into short term contracts with CSIRO.

3. Yes. CSIRO was considering the strategic alignment of several proposals being considered for Round 17 and was considering participation in the following potential proposals:

- Genomic healthcare
- Integrated Healthcare Solutions
- Cyber
- Managing Complex Projects and Programs
- Biomedical Manufacturing
- Optimisation of Resource Extraction – Extension
- Innovative Manufacturing CRC
- Northern Agriculture
- Soils
- Uncover