

**Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
Industry, Innovation and Science Portfolio  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** CSIRO

**TOPIC:** USA Activities

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Carr

**QUESTION No.:** BI-109

1. In reference to QoN AI-22, at the Additional estimates in February oral evidence suggested that there were two CSIRO staff at the dinner and QoN AI-22 states that CSIRO has a table to 10. Was the table of 10 made up of CSIRO staff?
2. Was this the sole purpose of the Assistant Minister Laundy's trip to the USA? Were there other events?
3. Can you confirm that the Individual and company award recipients received two mentor conversation with Dr Larry Marshall?
  - a. What are the arrangements for this and have the mentor sessions occurred?
  - b. Who were the lucky recipients of this award and the “mentoring conversations”?
4. What other events did you attend in the United States?
5. How long was Dr Marshall in the United States for?
6. How many visits to the United States has Dr Marshall made since his appointment to CSIRO?

**ANSWER**

1. No. There were two CSIRO staff at the Australian Innovation Awards as part of the Australia American Chamber of Commerce Australia Day Gala in San Francisco on 21 January 2017.
2. Assistant Minister Laundy travelled to the United States from 15-22 January 2017 to participate in the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual West Coast Leadership Dialogue on behalf of former Industry, Innovation and Science Minister, the Hon Greg Hunt MP.

During the visit, the Assistant Minister also held meetings with key stakeholders, research institutions and tech entrepreneurs.

As part of this program, Assistant Minister Laundy attended the Australia American Chamber of Commerce Australia Day Gala event on 21 January in San Francisco to present the CSIRO Innovation Award for an individual.

3. The prize for the individual and company awards were two mentor conversations with Dr Larry Marshall.

- a. The mentor sessions have not occurred. The Chamber of Commerce is to coordinate these sessions with the recipients.
  - b. Individual: Andrew Tanner.  
Company: Nuheara, David Cannington.
4. In addition to attending numerous meetings during this trip, Dr Marshall had speaking engagements at the Global Corporate Venturing & Innovation Summit (Sonoma) and the Aussie Founders Network (San Francisco). Dr Marshall also attended the Global Alumni Event at the University of California and the 2017 G'Day USA Los Angeles Gala Dinner.
5. Five days.
6. Three.