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Senator KIM CARR: Thank you very much from raising that. I have some figures here—now that the government wants to get into the Dorothys; that is good of them—and let's go through them. Can you confirm, Dr Marshall, that in real terms CSIRO's funding from the appropriation in 2012-13 was \$791.4 million. It went to \$816.8 million in 2013-14; for 2014-15 it was \$761.9 million; in 2015-16 \$761.3 million; 2016-17 \$787.3 million in real terms. Are they accurate figures?

Dr Marshall: I will have the CFO give you those numbers.

Mr Munyard: I do not believe they are accurate, but I will have to take that on notice.

Senator KIM CARR: Do you think the Parliamentary Library is wrong?

Mr Munyard: I will have to take that on notice. I do not have a copy with me.

Senator Sinodinos: We can play all sorts of games here—all sorts of games with the inflation rates.

Senator KIM CARR: There has been a real decline in CSIRO's expenditure since this government came to office. It is appropriation.

Senator Sinodinos: On notice we can get the facts.

ANSWER

CSIRO's actual appropriation figures are \$733.8 million in 2012-13, \$778.2 million in 2013-14, \$745.3 million in 2014-15, \$750.2 million in 2015-16, and \$787.3 million in 2016-17. CSIRO does not publish historical appropriation figures adjusted to real term figures.