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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: CSIRO

TOPIC: UN sourced funding that has gone to CSIRO

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Senator ROBERTS: Thank you; I like your sense of humour. Who would be appropriate to answer this question: please list all UN-sourced funding that has gone to the CSIRO.

Ms Bennett: I am not sure that we will be able to for the last 10 years. To my recall, we changed our accounting system to SAP somewhere more recent than 10 years and we simply would not have the records to be able to go back.

Senator ROBERTS: So you cannot trace if the UN has given you money—

Ms Bennett: I probably would not be able to give you a response that goes back 10 years.

Senator ROBERTS: Are you able to give us responses as far as you go back?

Ms Bennett: I can take that on notice, and we will do our best.

Senator ROBERTS: Thank you. Can you also tell us, please, what the funding was for and what work was completed.

Ms Bennett: I can tell you what information will be available in the SAP system. It may not be satisfactory to glean much information.

Senator ROBERTS: Thank you.

ANSWER

The below table is an extract from CSIRO's financial system of those entries with United Nations or UNESCO in the customer name field covering the period since the introduction of SAP in CSIRO in July 2008 to the end of Financial year 2016-17. Note that each listing may involve multiple contracts, and to provide detail regarding the work completed under each contract would require a manual check of CSIRO's financial records and contracts. This manual check would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.

Customer Name	Amount (AUD)	Period
United Nations Educational, Scientific & Cultural Organisation	24,045	2008/09
UNESCO - IHE Institute of Water Education	16,044	2009/10 - 2012/13
United Nations (Parent)	7,589	2010/11 - 2011/12
United Nations Environment Programme	274,558	2008/09 - 2011/12
United Nations Environment Programm	819,668	2008/09 - 2016/17
United Nations Development Programme	52,856	2013/14 - 2016/17
United Nations University Institute of Advanced Studies Traditional Knowledge Initiative	62,000	2009/10- 2010/11
United Nations University (UNU-ViE)	40,411	2010/11 - 2014/15
United Nations Environment Programm	332,658	2011/12 - 2015/16
United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific	60,125	2012/13 - 2015/16
United Nations Office for Project Services	264,054	2014/15 - 2015/16
United Nations	60,155	2013/14 - 2015/16
United Nations Development Programme	103,862	2014/15 - 2015/16
United Nations Environment Programme	351,391	2014/15 - 2016/17
United Nations Office Nairobi	2,766	2014/15
United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification	197,202	2016/17
United Nations Children's Fund	5,876	2016/17
Total	2,675,258	