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QUESTION No.: BI-44

Senator RICE: What is the likelihood of the Antarctic CRC being able to have a transition plan?

Ms Urquhart: My understanding is that they do have a transition plan.

Senator RICE: In terms of achieving funding. How much funding do they currently receive? What is the level of funding? What is the scale and size of the CRC?

Mr Stirling: The Antarctic CRC in its current form is receiving funding over the period 1 July 2014 through to 30 June 2019. The total grant funding that is available over that time from the CRC program is \$25 million. In addition, the participants of the CRC are contributing a further \$140.9 million. So the total funding is the sum of those two.

Senator RICE: How many jobs are directly funded that, if there were not an Antarctic CRC, would no longer be there?

Mr Stirling: I do not have that information available to me here. I could take that on notice.

Senator RICE: I was looking at their website before, and they say that it is approximately 70 positions. Is that what you would understand?

Mr Stirling: I would have to take that on notice. I could not comment on that, but if that is what their website says then it is probably that.

ANSWER

Each CRC is responsible for determining how many staff it requires to meet its objectives as set out in the CRC's funding agreement. Forty three jobs are currently directly funded by the Antarctic Climate and Ecosystems CRC.