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**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**QUESTION No.:** BI-45

Senator BUSHBY: Firstly, Minister, I welcome the commitment you have given to look at the value of this and alternative ways to deliver the research that is currently being provided by the ACECRC. I was interested to hear that the government funds it \$25 million, but it attracts \$141 million in funding. Where does that come from?

Mr Stirling: It comes from a variety of participants. I do not have a breakdown in terms of which participants provide which amount, but I am happy to take that on notice for you.

Senator BUSHBY: I presume that would include the University of Tasmania, maybe the Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies and potentially also the Australian Antarctic Division—two institutions that also contribute to the \$180 million of Antarctic value that comes through Tasmania. But also private partners outside? Is there a commercial aspect or private money that is coming in as well, or is it all just from those sorts of—

Mr Stirling: The way that the program works is there is a category of what we call essential participants in a CRC and a category of other or minor participants. I am happy to list for you the essential participants that are in this particular CRC. As I said, I do not have a breakdown with me of how much each of those contribute—I am happy to take that on notice—but the essential participants include the Bureau of Meteorology; the CSIRO; the Department of the Environment and Energy; the National Institute of Water & Atmospheric Research Limited; the University of Tasmania, as you mentioned; the Alfred Wegener Institute for Polar and Marine Research; and the Australian Antarctic Division as part of the Department of the Environment and Energy. So they are primarily not commercial.

Senator BUSHBY: But of the \$166 million that you have identified that is used to run the ACECRC, only \$25 million of it comes through the CRC program?

Mr Stirling: That is correct.

**ANSWER**

The Antarctic Climate and Ecosystems (ACE) CRC will receive \$25 million in CRC Programme funding (2014 – 2019) and \$140.861 million in additional resources from its participants. Contributions from the ACE CRC's participants are:

**Core Australian participants**

Australian Antarctic Division	\$72,468,000
Australian Bureau of Meteorology	\$925,000
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation	\$7,075,000
University of Tasmania	\$14,899,000

**All other participants** \$45,494,000

**Other participants:**

Alfred Wegener Institute for Polar and Marine Research, Germany

Centre for Polar Observation and Modelling, UK

Chinese Academy of Meteorological Science, China

Curtin University

Department of the Environment and Energy

First Institute of Oceanography, China

Institute of Low Temperature Science, Hokkaido University, Japan

Laboratoire d'Etudes en Géophysique et Océanographie Spatiales, France

National Institute of Polar Research, Japan

National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research Ltd, New Zealand

Old Dominion University, USA

SGS Economics and Planning Pty Ltd

Tasmanian Government

University of Texas at Austin, USA

University of Texas at San Antonio, USA

Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium

Tokyo University of Marine Science and Technology, Japan