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Senator KIM CARR: In 2013, as part of an NCRIS agreement, the Australian animal health laboratories started offering specialised biosecurity and biosafety training. How much was that?

Dr Clark: I will have to take that on notice.

Senator KIM CARR: As I understand it—if my recollection is right—that NCRIS agreement allowed you to provide international training; is that correct?

Dr Clark: I will have to take the details of the NCRIS, but what I can tell you is that our teams are fully engaged with the international network and have had meetings. We are part of that network, as I mentioned, both from WHO and the biosecurity network. We are a critical node in this country to both the global and regional networks for biosecurity.

ANSWER

CSIRO received funding of \$2.6 million (GST exclusive) from NCRIS for the period 2013-2015 to support the promotion of and accessibility to the Australian Animal Health Laboratory NCRIS funded facilities, including all the necessary biosecurity and biosafety training.

CSIRO is working with national and international laboratories in regard to biosafety and biosecurity training under this NCRIS agreement.