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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: Commonwealth Scientific & Industrial Research Organisation

TOPIC: *RV Investigator*

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QUESTION No.: SI-5

Senator KIM CARR: In the May 2009 budget, did the government provide \$12.1 million to support the operating costs of the new vessel in the first year of its operation?

Dr Clark: I do not have the 2009 budget numbers with me, but I will take it on notice to confirm that.

ANSWER

No, the \$12.1m provided from government for support of the new vessel's operating costs in the first year of its operation to allow for testing, training, commissioning and the commencement of research voyages was approved in the May 2013 budget. This funding was provided to CSIRO for the 2013-14 financial year, however due to the delay in the delivery of the vessel, \$11.1m of this was deferred into 2014-15.