AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: Commonwealth Scientific & Industrial Research Organisation

TOPIC: UK Patent Box Arrangement

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Carr

QUESTION No.: SI-92

In reference to the round table looking at the UK patent box arrangement chaired by Dr Clark (Hansard, p. 40):

a) At whose request was this round table held or established?
b) Which agency provided the secretariat or administrative support for the round table?
c) How many times did it meet?
d) Were its deliberations part of the process for developing the Industry Innovation and Competitiveness Agenda? Were they part of any other overarching review or policy development process?
e) If the round table was part of a broader process, please describe how the round table fit into this process?
f) Who were the members of, or participants in, the round table?
g) Did the round table result in a written report of any kind? If so, please provide a copy of that report.

ANSWER

(a) The round table was established by Dr Megan Clark.
(b) CSIRO.
(c) Once.
(d) The round table was held to inform CSIRO’s contribution to the Department. It was not part of any other process.
(e) N/A
(f) Attendees: Megan Clark (CSIRO); Nick Gruen; Mark Phillips (Grant Thornton); Greg Gilbert (Minister Macfarlane’s office); Patricia Kelly (IP Australia); Anthony Murfett (Department of Industry); Ben Mitra-Kahn (IP Australia); Surinda Heyer (Grant Thornton); and Jan Bingley (CSIRO).
(g) No written report was produced.