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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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AGENCY: CSIRO

TOPIC: MOU with DSTO

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Carr

QUESTION No.: SI-97

- 1) Has an MOU been signed between the DST Group and CSIRO?
- 2) How does this differ with the 2013 Strategic Relationship Agreement signed between the DSTO and CSIRO?
- 3) CSIRO is listed as the supplier in contract CN3357956 on Austender in relation to a "MOU arrangement between DSTO and CSIRO". What was CSIRO's involvement in this contract? What services were provided?

ANSWER

- 1) Yes.
- 2) The 2013 Strategic Relationship Agreement is a high level statement of intent between DSTO (now 'DST Group') and CSIRO that articulates the underpinning principles and key elements of the parties' relationship and how it is intended that this relationship will be strengthened into the future, in order to maximise its potential for both parties and the nation. The recent MOUs outlined the specific arrangements for temporary work placements in relation to two individuals.
- 3) CSIRO was the home agency/organisation (employer) of the individuals being temporarily placed at DSTO to perform duties within DSTO's Science Strategy and Policy Branch, which develops DSTO strategy and strategic policy through stakeholder consultation across DSTO, Department of Defence and externally.