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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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TOPIC: Availability of Publicly Funded Research Outcomes

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QUESTION No.: AI-112

Does Professor Chubb agree with the principle that the results of scientific research should be made openly available to the public, especially where that research is taxpayer-funded?

ANSWER

While it is desirable that as much research as possible is publicly available, the drivers for some research - particularly in experimental development and innovation - preclude complete open access in order to maintain competitiveness.