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Senator BERNARDI: Dr Clark, I have a few questions on the CarbonKids program. Would you like me to direct them to you directly

Dr Clark: The CarbonKids program is covered in a couple of areas, but mainly our education area, which is covered by Mr Whelan.

Senator BERNARDI: Okay. Mr Whelan, I will address this to you. The CarbonKids program receives funding from Bayer. Is the total cost of the program funded by that single organisation?

Mr M Whelan: I would have to take that on notice. But in doing so I would say that a substantial proportion of the cost of the program would be funded by Bayer. There may be some contribution for overheads or underlying base infrastructure from the CSIRO, but I think the bulk of the program is funded by Bayer. But I can take the detail on notice.

Senator BERNARDI: If you would not mind. I am interested in how much it costs. I do not need to know Bayer's specific contribution, but I am interested to know the overall costs of administration and what proportion of it is borne directly by the CSIRO either in staffing, overheads or things of that nature. What is the annual budget for the CarbonKids program?

Mr M Whelan: I would have to take that on notice.

ANSWER

The Annual Budget for the CarbonKids Program varies year to year.

In 2011-12 the budget is \$360,000 (excluding GST) of which CSIRO contributes \$186,000.