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TOPIC: Wandering Trad in the Dandenong Ranges

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Birmingham

QUESTION No. BI-108

In October 2007, prior to the election, the previous Government allocated \$450,000 to CSIRO for a three-year biological control into Wandering Trad in the Dandenong Ranges. Has the program for which this funding was allocated proceeded or been abandoned?

ANSWER

Following the 2007 Election, the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts (DEWHA) informed CSIRO that it did not wish to pursue the previous Government's commitment. No contract was signed between CSIRO and DEWHA to carry out this research.