

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** COMMONWEALTH SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH ORGANISATION

**TOPIC:** Correspondence with CSIRO

**REFERENCE:** Question on Notice, (Hansard 31 May 2010, E31).

**QUESTION No.:** BI-17

**Senator ABETZ**—I understand that there has been a war of words between Dr Paul Fraser and Mr Des Moore. I have been provided with a copy of the letter from this Mr Des Moore, who is very much on the ‘anti’ side of the global warming debate. He wrote a three-page letter to Dr Fraser on 27 March 2010 making a number of assertions. I do not want to take sides in relation to this debate, as a self-declared agnostic, but I am just wondering whether it is Dr Fraser’s intention to respond to that correspondence. I do not know if you know anything about that, Dr Johnson.

**Dr Johnson**—No.

**Senator ABETZ**—But if that could be taken on notice—

**Dr Johnson**—I am happy to take that on notice, but I am not aware of that correspondence.

**ANSWER**

Dr Fraser has responded to Mr Moore’s correspondence.