Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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QUESTION No.: SI-14

Senator COLBECK: Again, you might have to take this on notice. Have you found any incidents of bullying and harassment towards an employee in that process?

Mr Roy: Again, I would have to take that on notice to go through the findings of those. I think what is fair to say is that CSIRO has a philosophy of no harm to their people. We work through informal processes trying to use mediation and discussion between people to try to resolve if there is an issue with someone. Then at times you need to escalate to an external panel, as you have spoken about just there

ANSWER

Two reports (as per SI-78) made findings of instances of workplace bullying and recommended training and mediation for the parties (including the complainants).