

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** AUSTRALIAN NUCLEAR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ORGANISATION

**TOPIC:** SIEMENS PAYMENT

**REFERENCE:** Question on Notice (Hansard, 19 October 2011, pages 19 and 20).

**QUESTION No.:** SI-18

**Senator ABETZ:** You also stated in the previous hearing that the franchise payment to Siemens was \$35,000. Is that a flat annual fee, or is it related to revenue?

**Dr Paterson:** It is a revenue related fee.

**Senator ABETZ:** What is the total expected annual payment for the current financial year?

**Dr Paterson:** It is the same order of magnitude as that \$35,000.

**Senator ABETZ:** So \$35,000 is going to be an annual payment as opposed to just a one-off flat fee; is that correct?

**Dr Paterson:** Correct. That is the form of a royalty.

**Senator ABETZ:** In May 2010—and I know that is going back—Dr Paterson noted that there were a number of separate discussions that involved partnerships and funding of seven cyclotron related facilities and programs around Australia. What is the total investment outside of ANSTO by ANSTO dedicated to cyclotron facilities and research?

**Dr Paterson:** The investments to date outside of ANSTO which are governed by agreements between us and other institutions include a grant of \$1.5 million to the cyclotron at the Austin facility in order to establish solid targetry. The underlying principle of that agreement is that that would allow us to provide to the broader Australian research community solid target based radioisotopes which are not currently easily available in the east of the country and therefore it is an open development of the capacity available to the Australian research community.

**Senator ABETZ:** Can I quickly backtrack. The \$35,000 is not a flat fee, it is revenue based and is payable on an annual basis?

**Dr Paterson:** We will take the detail of the question on notice but that is my understanding.

**Senator ABETZ:** If you could, and then let us know what the fee is for this current financial year as much as you can tell us.

**ANSWER**

Royalties are calculated with reference to net sales. The amount assessed for the 2010-11 financial year is \$89,185.43.