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TOPIC: INVASIVE ANIMALS CRC

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QUESTION No.: SI-2

The Invasive Animals Cooperative Research Centre appears to be the only entity in Australia receiving substantial Commonwealth funding for work on invasive animals including the European wild rabbit. What assurance can be given that the Invasive Animals CRC will continue to receive funding in the future?

ANSWER

On 22 November 2011 the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research announced the outcomes of the 14th CRC selection round. Six CRCs were successful in the round, including the Invasive Animals CRC. The CRC will receive \$19.7 million over five years to deliver key technologies to reduce the impacts of new and existing pest animals on Australia's agricultural competitiveness and biodiversity assets.