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SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE – QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2003-2004 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: CSIRO
Output Group: - CSIRO

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Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

With what external agencies, either Australian and international, is CSIRO working or collaborating in the area of counter terrorism?

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

Security Issues

Only a small proportion of CSIRO's security-related research and development is targeting counter-terrorist activities. The following collaborating agencies are working with CSIRO to apply technologies in the area of counter-terrorism.

Defence Science and Technology Organisation:

- Biosensors research with CSIRO Health Sciences and Nutrition and CSIRO Molecular Science.

Australian Customs Service:

- The "Contraband Scanner" technology, developed by CSIRO Minerals, which is being used to screen baggage for items including drugs and explosives at Brisbane International Airport.