

Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

Question: APD/AWI 01

Division/Agency: Australian Wool Innovation Limited
Topic: Expenditure on research and development
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Senator BACK asked:

Senator BACK—No. I was going to ask what expenditure was on research but perhaps I can put that on notice and get some idea from you as to the expenditure and the projects into which AWI expended funds on wool research, but with time constrained I would be happy for you to provide it on notice.

Mr McCullough—Okay.

Answer:

Australian Wool Innovation (AWI) advises that its funding is determined every three years through a vote of levy payers at WoolPoll. The most recent WoolPoll was held in 2009 with growers determining that AWI expend 50 per cent of levies on research and development (R&D) and 50 per cent on marketing. The R&D funds are further split into 30 per cent for on farm R&D and 20 per cent for off farm R&D.

A summary of the programs and project costs in the on and off farm R&D portfolios is provided in the following table. More information about the programs and associated overheads are provided in AWI's 2009-2010 Annual Report.

2009-10 Financial year		
Portfolio	Program	Total
On Farm R&D	Building and Transferring Knowledge	1,579,979
	Environmental Sustainability	1,271,873
	Healthy and Profitable Sheep	3,347,862
	Lower Cost Wool Preparation & early stage selling	667,854
On Farm R&D Total		6,867,568
Off Farm R&D	Product Innovation and Marketing	1,255,393
	Sheep Cooperative Research Centre	737,500
	Supply Chain and QA	6,489
Off Farm R&D Total		1,999,382
R&D Total		8,866,950