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Senator Marise Payne
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Dear Senator Payne

During my appearance at the Joint Parliamentary Inquiry into Australia's Relationship with the Republic of Korea, I undertook to provide the Committee with some further information regarding Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) that CSIRO currently has with organisations in Korea. The following table sets out the four MOUs currently in operation:

- Korea Research Institute of Standards and Science (signed in 1994, no set term)
- Korea Water Resources Corporation (KOWACO) (signed in 2004, 5 year duration)
- Welding Research Centre, Chosun University (signed in 2005, 12 months duration)
- Korea Institute of Geoscience and Mineral Resources (KIGAM) (signed in 2005, 5 year duration)

The primary objective of each MOU is to establish scientific and technological cooperation between CSIRO and the other organisation.

Each MOU focuses on a particular area of mutual interest between CSIRO and the Korean research agency / organisation, for example, geoscience and earth resources-related technologies; welding and joining research; and the utilisation, management and sustainable development of water resources. Each MOU provides a framework to:

- Identify areas of mutual cooperation;
- undertake collaborative research, lectures, symposia or conferences;
- undertake scientific exchanges;
- undertake joint research projects of mutual interest; and
- manage the relationship between the parties.

I trust that this information provides the Committee with a greater understanding of CSIRO's MOUs with Korea.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rob Vertessy".

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