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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)

TOPIC: Australia's Telescope National Facility Steering Committee

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QUESTION No.: AI-8

Senator KIM CARR: What is the difference in the two bodies, the one that was formerly appointed by the minister and announced for abolition in MYEFO and the one that you are now running through the board?

Ms Hazel Bennett: As I have indicated, in broad the functions of the committees are the same. It is part of administrative efficiency and streamlining.

Senator KIM CARR: Administrative efficiency! How much does it cost to run the board?

Ms Hazel Bennett: I would have to take that on notice.

Senator KIM CARR: Is there a difference in the cost?

Ms Hazel Bennett: I would have to take that on notice

ANSWER

Direct expenditure for the Australia Telescope Steering Committee (ATSC) in the 2013-14 financial year and including the face-to-face meeting in July 2014, was approximately \$15,000 (excl gst).

CSIRO expects the cost of the newly constituted ATSC to be similar.