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Senator KIM CARR: Can I just follow up on a question on notice. You have indicated several times, Dr Marshall, that Australia spends 75 per cent—or the US spends 25 per cent—on its measuring and modelling. How much does Australia spend, as distinct from the CSIRO; and what proportion of Australia's contribution to the measurement of climate change does the CSIRO undertake? Can you provide that on notice?

Dr Marshall : It is probably better if we take that one on notice. We have been searching for those numbers, and they are complicated.

Senator KIM CARR: You have used a figure several times. I would be very surprised as to what extent—let me wait. I look forward to your analysis of the comparison that Australia spends—and, by that, I mean the whole country and then a subset of that as CSIRO's contribution.

Dr Marshall: Certainly.

ANSWER

CSIRO has estimated that its expenditure on the practical challenge of measurement and modelling was approximately \$40 million for the 2014-15FY.

Although CSIRO can provide figures for its own financial expenditure on measurement and modelling activity, the proportional contribution that CSIRO makes to total Australian activity on measurement and modelling could only be estimated by CSIRO in an indicative way and based on extrapolation.