Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Industry and Science Portfolio Budget Estimates Hearing 2015-16 3 and 4 June 2015

AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: COMMONWEALTH SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH ORGANISATION (CSIRO)

TOPIC: Samples from US Military Labs

REFERENCE: Question on Notice (Written)

QUESTION No.: BI-87

Does any CSIRO facility receive samples from US military labs for research purposes?

- a) If so, has CSIRO examined the possibility that it may have been a recipient of live anthrax in anthrax samples that were exported from the US and certified as inactive?
- b) Since the discovery that DSTO appears to have received one of these samples, has CSIRO been involved in identifying, handling or storing the sample? If so, please describe CSIRO's role.

ANSWER

No.

- a) N/A.
- b) No.