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**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**QUESTION No.:** BI-21

Senator RICE: I want to start with some questions about the Climate Change Centre in Hobart, and particularly get some more detail about what its status is and about CSHOR—is that the same centre as the Southern Hemisphere climate centre that was announced last year?

Dr Cleugh: There is the CSIRO Climate Science Centre, which I am director of, and CSHOR, which is the Centre for Southern Hemisphere Oceans Research. That sits within the Climate Science Centre. It is a centre within a centre.

Senator RICE: Is it a joint venture?

Dr Cleugh: It is a collaboration, as we explained before, with QNLM and two university partners in Australia, and CSIRO.

Senator RICE: What role do the other joint partners have in the management and direction of the centre?

Dr Cleugh: The centre has a director, who was announced and appointed this week, who is a CSIRO employee, and it has a steering committee with representatives of the two major partners, CSIRO and QNLM—two representatives each on the steering committee—and an independent chair who has no affiliation with any of the partners. That is the overarching governance.

Senator RICE: And that steering committee then determines the research agenda for the centre?

Dr Cleugh: It approves and endorses the research projects that have been put forward by the director and the scientists at the centre.

Senator RICE: Who are the people on that steering committee?

Dr Cleugh: Dr Susan Avery is the independent chair, an emeritus scientist from Woods Hole, and the two CSIRO representatives on the steering committee are the director of the Climate Science Centre and the Oceans and Atmosphere Business Unit deputy director. The two representatives from QNLM are Professor Pan and Gongke Tan, and both of those have positions with QNLM. I can take on notice their actual positions.

**ANSWER**

The positions of the two QNLM representatives on the CSHOR steering committee are:

Professor Pan Kehou, Secretary General of QNLM's Academic Committee and  
Professor Tan Gongke, Director of QNLM's Department of International Cooperation.