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QUESTION No.: SI-10

Senator WRIGHT: Thank you, Chair. I just have a one-off question first of all and then I am going to go to questions about gender and CSIRO. The one-off is: can you tell me what the total revenue derived by CSIRO is through the provision of services for the testing of compliance of products in accordance with Australian standards?

Dr Clark: I cannot break that down. We undertake a number of services through our services arm. We do that in terms of compliance with standards across a number of areas. Is there any way you can constrain that? Is there a particular area of compliance with standards that you would want me to answer on notice?

Senator WRIGHT: It was a general question that I was asked that I am putting. Perhaps you can give me some assistance in what areas that might cover?

Dr Clark: What I will take on notice is the work that we do through our services arm. As Mr Roy outlined, we have our line of business in services. I will cover the work that we do for compliance with standards across several sectors. We will do that on notice.

ANSWER

The CSIRO Services line of business provides an extensive range of testing, assessment and consulting services to support the development of better building products and systems including the provision of services for the testing of compliance of products in accordance with Australian standards. This includes fire safety testing, hydraulics testing for the plumbing industry, slip resistance services and façade testing. The revenue received from testing to Australian standards (or international standards recognised for use in Australia) through the CSIRO Services line of business is approximately \$5.2m per year.