

Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Industry Portfolio
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: Commonwealth Scientific & Industrial Research Organisation

TOPIC: UK Patent Box Arrangement

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Carr

QUESTION No.: SI-92

In reference to the round table looking at the UK patent box arrangement chaired by Dr Clark (Hansard, p. 40):

- a) At whose request was this round table held or established?
- b) Which agency provided the secretariat or administrative support for the round table?
- c) How many times did it meet?
- d) Were its deliberations part of the process for developing the Industry Innovation and Competitiveness Agenda? Were they part of any other overarching review or policy development process?
- e) If the round table was part of a broader process, please describe how the round table fit into this process?
- f) Who were the members of, or participants in, the round table?
- g) Did the round table result in a written report of any kind? If so, please provide a copy of that report.

ANSWER

- (a) The round table was established by Dr Megan Clark.
- (b) CSIRO.
- (c) Once.
- (d) The round table was held to inform CSIRO's contribution to the Department. It was not part of any other process.
- (e) N/A
- (f) Attendees: Megan Clark (CSIRO); Nick Gruen; Mark Phillips (Grant Thornton); Greg Gilbert (Minister Macfarlane's office); Patricia Kelly (IP Australia); Anthony Murfett (Department of Industry); Ben Mitra-Kahn (IP Australia); Surinda Heyer (Grant Thornton); and Jan Bingley (CSIRO).
- (g) No written report was produced.