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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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AMERICAN EMBRYONIC STEM CELLS

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QUESTION No.29

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Senator Harradine asked about:

Were the American embryonic stem cells found to be problematic?

ANSWER

The Australian Stem Cell Centre has a licence agreement with the Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation for the use of three human embryonic stem cell lines. These cell lines were derived using animal tissues. The cell lines are being used for research rather than clinical purposes.