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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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QUESTION No.: AI-51

Senator ABETZ—On 21 October we were provided with an article in the *Daily Telegraph* talking about a \$100 million plan for nanotechnology research...

Senator ABETZ—... Where are we at with this plan? Have people been employed? Who is in charge of this facility?

Ms Lansdown—The Australian Nanofabrication Facility is in fact a distributed facility across the country.

Senator ABETZ—That is right, yes: seven centres.

Senator ABETZ—When we are talking about infrastructure, we are not talking about building new laboratories for them being bricks and mortar, or that as well?

Ms Lansdown—That can be part of it.

Senator ABETZ—Has there been a split up of this \$100 million for bricks and mortar, development or purchase of equipment?

Ms Lansdown—We would have to take that on notice to make sure that we are accurate.

Senator ABETZ—All right. Is there a head of this organisation?

Ms Lansdown—Yes, there is. There is a CEO and a board.

Senator ABETZ—Can I be provided on notice with the name of the board and the CEO?

Ms Lansdown—Yes.

ANSWER

The \$100 million Australian National Fabrication Facility (ANFF) was established in 2007 under the National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy (NCRIS) and was officially launched in October 2008. The ANFF links seven complementary nodes based at universities around Australia to provide researchers with state-of-the-art micro and nano-fabrication facilities and technical staff to support the users of those facilities. More than 25 specialist technical staff have been employed using NCRIS funds to support the needs of ANFF users.

Summary of ANFF Expenditure	\$million
Capital expenditure – fit out, laboratories, specialist equipment	60.4
Operating expenditure and salaries	39.6
TOTAL	100.0

Board and Chief Executive Officer

The ANFF Ltd Board has five Directors including an independent Chair.

- **Dr Robert Frater AO** (Chair of Board) Vice-President Innovation, ResMed Pty Ltd
- **Emeritus Professor Chris Fell AM** (Company Secretary) Fell Consulting Pty Ltd;
- **Mr Andrew Brawley**, Chief Executive Officer, Sapphicon Pty Ltd;
- **Mr Gavin Harrop**, Director and R&D Manager, G. James Glass;
- **Dr Colin White**, Director, Technology and Realisation, Leica Biosystems Melbourne Pty Ltd;

The Chief Executive Officer is **Ms Rosie Hicks**.