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TOPIC: CSIRO land sale at Townsville

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Colbeck

QUESTION No.: AI-44

Did CSIRO, in 2009 and/or early 2010, offer to give land adjoining the Townsville Hospital to the State Government?

What was the reason for (and the nature of) that offer, and on what cost basis was the offer made?

Is it true that the State Government initially didn't agree to that offer, but then decided in late 2010 to reverse its decision, and purchase it? And for what price was the land sold?

ANSWER

No. CSIRO did not offer to give land adjoining the Townsville Hospital to the State Government. CSIRO's dealings with the sale of this site have been on the basis of market value. The sale of the property has not yet been completed.