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TOPIC: CSIRO land sale at Rockhampton/Townsville

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Colbeck

QUESTION No.: AI-45

What is the latest update on the disposal of CSIRO's Rockhampton site? And what has been the impact (especially the financial impact) of the delay of the sale on the move to the new research facility at James Cook University in Townsville?

ANSWER

CSIRO is currently negotiating the sale of the Rendel Laboratory facility at Rockhampton. Details of the negotiation are Commercial in Confidence at this stage.

There has been no impact on research activities. Those research staff relocating to the new Australian Tropical Science Innovation Precinct at James Cook University in Townsville did so in September 2010.