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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: COMMONWEALTH SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH ORGANISATION (CSIRO)

TOPIC: CSIRO - Precincts

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QUESTION No.: AI-66

With respect to each of the major research hubs or precincts in which CSIRO is involved:

- a) How much has CSIRO spent to date?
- b) How much has been committed by CSIRO over future years?

ANSWER

The CSIRO Global Precincts initiative outlined in the CSIRO 2011-15 Strategic Plan is a new initiative that is currently at the strategy and planning stage and requires extensive partnering with other participants in the innovation system. As this initiative is still largely in the planning and development phase, there has been no dedicated capital expenditure by the CSIRO to date.

The CSIRO Property Program includes expenditure on facilities that are located on the proposed sites of the Global Precincts. However, this expenditure is not being undertaken as a result of their link to the Global Precincts. No CSIRO capital funding has been allocated specifically for precincts work.