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**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**TOPIC:** Bakers Hill Facility

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**QUESTION No.** BI-101

**Senator ABETZ**—In a period where Australia is suffering one of its worst droughts and the livestock industry is doing it particularly tough in certain areas, we are seeing the cut or abolition of the Bakers Hill facility. Is that correct?

**Dr Garrett**—That is correct in that instance.

**Senator ABETZ**—Were any upgrades made to the Bakers Hill facility in the last five years?

**Mr Whelan**—We would have to take that on notice.

**ANSWER**

CSIRO has maintained the Bakers Hill property and facilities through an annual repairs and maintenance program which has in the last five years included specific buildings and infrastructure works, including:

- replacement of damaged boundary fencing; and
- replacement of plumbing and guttering to office building.

The total cost of the above works was \$34,583. An additional \$74,079 has been spent on general maintenance over the past five years.