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TOPIC: CRCs Climate Change Research

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Eggelston

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- a): Which CRCs are conducting climate change research and what proportion of funding in the prior and current budgets did they receive?
- b): What other CRCs looking for extension funding have been rejected?

ANSWER

Two CRCs with a primary focus in this area are the CRC for Greenhouse Gas Technologies (CO2CRC) and the Antarctic Climate and Ecosystems CRC (ACE CRC). These CRCs received \$6.4 million over 2008-09 and will receive \$5.5 million over 2009-10 which represents 3.6% of the total \$179.7 million of CRC Program funds expended over 2008-09 and 3.4% of the total \$162.6 million of the CRC Program funds to be expended over 2009-10.

Sixteen other CRCs conducting climate change related research as part of their research programs or specific projects are: CRC for Sustainable Tourism; CRC for Tropical Savannas Management; Bushfire CRC; Cotton Catchment Communities CRC; CRC for Forestry; Future Farm Industries CRC; eWater CRC; Invasive Animals CRC; CAST CRC; CRC for Beef Genetic Technologies; CRC for National Plant Biosecurity; CRC for Innovative Dairy Products; Molecular Plant Breeding CRC; CRC for Sheep Industry Innovation; CRC for Automotive Technology and CRC for Sustainable Resource Processing.

The CRC Program does not collect financial information on the break down of CRC expenditure of Commonwealth funds for specific projects.

- b) Applications received in the 11th CRC Selection Round were received in-confidence in accordance with the CRC Program Guidelines. The Minister will announce his decision in relation to funding of applications received in the 11th CRC Selection Round following consideration of the recommendations of the CRC Committee.