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Senator ABETZ—Thank you. Then on page 210 we also have, about halfway down the page under ‘less: own source’, the item ‘other revenue’ of \$270,113,000.’ Who can explain to me what that is?

Dr Clark—I can cover that. That includes some of the prices from our wireless LAN litigation as well as the sale prices from Cannon Hill.

Senator ABETZ—They are the two items that make up—

Dr Clark—There are some other items in there as well.

Senator ABETZ—Which are? Are they of any monetary significance?

Mr Whelan—No, Senator.

Senator ABETZ—Then I just ask that question on notice and if you can provide me with a split up, because that will undoubtedly tell me what you got for Cannon Hill, what the other items are and how much you got by way of settlement with your wireless litigation; is that right?

Dr Clark—Yes, Senator. Are you asking for the settlement—

Senator ABETZ—I will get into that as a separate area later on. I am just trying to get a handle on the PBS at the moment. Once again, as I understand it, on the same page 210 total expenses and total income appear to be about \$200 million higher this year than in future years, and is that largely because of this settlement of the legal actions?

Dr Clark—It does include the legal actions and the sale of Cannon Hill, so it is both of those items, Senator.

Senator ABETZ—It would be helpful if you could, in fact, tell me how much you got for Cannon Hill, so I can get a handle on how much you got from the litigation. You could take it on notice but just round figures at the moment.

Mr Whelan—It was approximately \$17.5 million from the proceeds from Cannon Hill, Senator. I clarify that they are not in ‘other revenue’; they were included two lines down under ‘gains: sale of assets’. There is a figure of \$20.635 million. Approximately \$17.5 million of that related to Cannon Hill.

Senator ABETZ—Then is the \$270 million all from the litigation?

Mr Whelan—No, it is not, Senator. There are a range of other sources of revenue in there, but I am happy to provide you with the breakdown on notice.

ANSWER

The breakdown of “Other revenue” on page 210 of the 2009-10 PBS is as follows:

Item	Amount (\$'000)
WLAN	220,882 ²
Equity Sales	14,440
WA Govt funding for ASKAP	4,000
IP sales	3,000
Other ¹	27,791
Total	270,113

Notes

- 1 Other includes rent, joint venture revenue, education income, sale of primary produce and inventory items and equipment and facility hire.
- 2 The revenue received from the settlement and licence arrangements arising from the WLAN litigation is subject to currency exchange variations. As a result the actual funds received may be different from this forecast amount.