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QUESTION No.: BI-39

Senator ABETZ—Thank you, I think I understand that now. Are you aware in which department the Climate Change Expert Panel is located? Is it Senator Wong's department?

Dr Keating—No, this is the mechanism that DAFF is using to direct the Australia's Farming Future R&D program which comes under a climate change program of DAFF.

Senator ABETZ—Undoubtedly part of CSIRO's considerations in this was that this is a worthwhile area to pursue and to sink some public money into?

Dr Keating—Yes, we welcome research in this area.

Senator ABETZ—When were you first asked by DAFF to be involved in this?

Dr Keating—As I explained, we submitted a proposal in this area in 2008.

Senator ABETZ—Do you know in what month of 2008?

Dr Keating—I would have to take that on notice. It is on the public record because it was a public call. I just do not have the exact date.

Senator ABETZ—All right, if you could that on notice?

ANSWER

See response to BI-43.