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Senator CORMANN—Could you perhaps provide us with a list of all of the consultative or advisory committees that currently operate in the context of IP Australia and the membership of those committees? Is that something that you would be able to provide us with on notice?

Mr Noonan—Yes. We have a number of committees where particular organisations serve with us. We also have more open forums where essentially we invite a whole cross-section of stakeholders, along the lines that Ms Beattie mentioned, to attend forums about IP matters. We held one of those in Melbourne just last month. I can certainly provide you with the names of the individual advisory committees.

ANSWER

IP Australia has a number of consultation groups and forums. Details and membership of these groups is attached (**Attachment A**)

IP Australia also has two advisory committees: the Advisory Council on Intellectual Property (ACIP) and the Plant Breeders' Rights Advisory Committee (PBRAC). Details and membership of these committees are attached (**Attachments B and C**).

Consultation Forums

IP Professionals Forum

The IP Professionals Forum includes stakeholders within the intellectual property (IP) community who provide advice on IP. Forum members are: Institute of Patent and Trade Mark Attorneys of Australia; International Federation of Intellectual Property Attorneys of Australia; Law Council of Australia; Licensing Executive Society of Australia and New Zealand; and Jacqui Rigby-King, Rigby-King Lawyers. Ms Rigby-King is an independent patent attorney and is therefore not a member of an IP association. She was selected from a number of individuals who nominated to fill one place on the forum that was reserved for independent attorneys.

IP Forum

The IP Forum is an open forum with all members of the innovation community in the state where the forum is being held welcome to attend.

Business and Industry Forum

The Business and Industry IP Forum is the principal forum for consultation on intellectual property matters that relate to business. Forum members are: The Australian Industry Group, the Australian Institute of Company Directors, the Business Council of Australia, the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the Australian Manufacturers' Patents, Industrial Designs, Copyright and Trade Mark Association, AusIndustry and the Copyright Division of the Attorney General's Department.

Patents Consultation Group

The Patents Consultation Group is the principal forum for consultation on the patent system. Forum members are: Institute of Patent and Trade Mark Attorneys of Australia, International Federation of Intellectual Property Attorneys of Australia, Law Council of Australia, the Australian Manufacturers' Patents, Industrial Designs, Copyright and Trade Mark Association, and the Australian National University Office of Commercialisation.

Trade Marks Consultation Group

The Trade Marks Consultation Group is the principal forum for consultation on the Australian trade mark system. Forum members are: Institute of Patent and Trade Mark Attorneys of Australia , International Federation of Intellectual Property Attorneys of Australia, Law Council of Australia and the Australian Manufacturers' Patents, Industrial Designs, Copyright and Trade Mark Association.

Other

IP Australia also implements consultation groups around specific issues. For instance, a group may be formed with the sole reason to discuss an initiative/issue and will disband upon resolution of the issue.

Advisory Council on Intellectual Property

The Advisory Council on Intellectual Property advises the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources, and IP Australia on matters relating to the strategic administration of IP Australia and on intellectual property policy.

Appointee	Position	Occupation
Mr Leon Allen	Chairperson	Partner, Davies Collison Cave
Mr Paul Brennan	Member	Plant Breeder Consultant
Professor Andrew Christie	Co-opted Member	Professor of Law, University of Melbourne
Professor Edwina Cornish	Member	Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research), Monash University
Mr Michael Gilbert	Member	General Manager, Australian Centre for Plant Functional Genomics
Mr Graeme Huon	Member	Huon Labs, research and development company
Mr Philip Mendes	Member	Lawyer, Innovation Law
Assoc Prof Beth Webster	Member	Director Intellectual Property Research Institute of Australia
Dr Noel Chambers	Member	Director, Centuris Pty Ltd
Mr Adam Liberman	Member	General Counsel & General Manager Intellectual Property, CSIRO
Dr Tracie Ramsdale	Member	Non-executive director Alchemia
Mr Philip Noonan	Ex Officio	IP Australia
Ms Patricia Kelly	Ex Officio	Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research

Plant Breeders' Rights Advisory Committee

The Plant Breeder's Rights Advisory Committee is established under section 63 of the *Plant Breeder's Rights Act 1994*. The Minister appoints members for a period of 3 years.

The function of the Committee is to advise the Minister and the Registrar of Plant Breeder's Rights on matters relating to the administration of the Act as requested by the Minister or Registrar.

Appointee	Position	Occupation
Mr Doug Waterhouse	Delegate of the Registrar of Plant Breeder's Rights	Chairperson (ex-officio)
Dr Paul Brennan	Member (breeder)	Plant breeder consultant
Mr Benny Brown	Member (qualified person)	Partner, Griffith Hack
Mr Glenn Dale	Member (breeder)	Technical Director Saltgrow Pty Ltd
Mr Bruce Lloyd	Member (conservation)	Past Chair of Landcare Council. Former Parliamentary Secretary for Primary Industries
Ms Robina Pye	Member (consumer)	Studying environmental law at Australian National University. Ex-nursery retailer and solicitor
Professor Bradley Sherman	Member (qualified person)	University of Queensland, Director Australian Centre of Intellectual Property in Agriculture
Mr John Collyer	Member (indigenous)	