

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** AUSTRALIAN NUCLEAR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ORGANISATION

**TOPIC:** Policy procedures-media announcements

**REFERENCE:** Written Question-Senator Heffernan

**QUESTION No.:** BI-38

**Isn't this announcement contradictory to what was said at Budget Estimates, what is ANSTO's policy & procedures on media announcements in relation to commercial in confidence matters?**

**(Context to Question)**

During my questioning to departmental officials on Monday 31 May 2010, Dr Paterson quoted commercial in confidence matters:

**Senator HEFFERNAN**—So, at the present time with the investment, how many customers is PETNET shipping to now? I believe you are going to Royal North Shore Hospital. Is there anyone else?

**Dr Paterson**—I believe that we should be cautious about raising particular customer names as they may be commercial-in-confidence matters.

The following announcement appeared on **PETNet's website in March of this year...** referencing commercial-in-confidence is a good way to avoid the answer but there is not much confidentiality when ANSTO put out a press release. By the way, Siemens cyclotrons @ ANSTO.....Siemens cameras and RNS.....more than a coincidence.

**New Supply Partnership Confirmed** *March, 2010*

The Royal North Shore (RNS) Hospital, Sydney has confirmed PETNET Solutions as its new FDG supply partner. This exciting news follows the installation of the latest state-of-the art multimodality combination PET/CT scanner in the hospital's Department of Nuclear Medicine. The Siemens Biography MCT features the most advanced diagnostic performance available in PET imaging today.

**ANSWER**

The announcement cited in the background to the question was made by PETNET Solutions Australia, which operates at arms length to ANSTO. ANSTO's policy and procedures on media announcements is that they are undertaken in the spirit of collaboration with our partners at the time. ANSTO does not believe it should name other customers of ANSTO or PETNET Australia Pty Limited, and in some cases is contractually committed not to.