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TOPIC: External Reviewer/ Dr Spash paper

REFERENCE: Written Question –Senator Eggleston

QUESTION No.: BI-45

I refer to the commentary from the external reviewer that has been discussed on Committee Hansard dated Wednesday 10 February, pages 69 and 70.

- (a) Is this a confidential document?
- (b) Can the Minister table it in its entirety?
- (c) Where did the Minister get a copy of the commentary from the external reviewer?
- (d) Are you aware of the number of versions of Dr Spash's paper?
- (e) What version of paper did the external reviewer's comments refer to?

ANSWER

- (a) The document is a series of comments by the Reviewer extracted from a document provided to CSIRO. As such, the document forms part of the official record of CSIRO and CSIRO's disclosure or use of the document is governed by relevant laws and CSIRO Policy. Any claims of confidentiality by Dr Spash need to be viewed in that context.
- (b) As for any document that is part of the official record of CSIRO a determination would be needed on a case by case on its suitability for tabling in its entirety.
- (c) CSIRO.
- (d) Yes.
- (e) The version of the manuscript that the authors sent to the journal "New Political Economy" that had not followed internal review procedures and was not approved for submission by CSIRO.