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TOPIC: Zebra Fish

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Eggleston

QUESTION No.: BI-54

What is the progress into the use of zebra fish to potentially deliver new treatments for heart disease and stroke? (*The Australian* on 7/4/2010)

ANSWER

CSIRO is not carrying out research using zebra fish in regard to developing treatments for heart disease.

The zebra fish research referred to in *The Australian* is taking place at Monash University's Australian Regenerative Medicine Institute, which is located within the Australian node of the European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL).

Australia is the first country to assume associate membership of EMBL. Monash University provides the Secretariat for EMBL Australia, and CSIRO is represented by Dr Graeme Woodrow and Dr Louise Ryan on the Australian EMBL Council.

This question should be referred to Monash University.