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TOPIC: Women in Climate Change national forum series

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QUESTION No.: BI-9

Senator COLBECK—..... Can we confirm that the CSIRO is a sponsor of the Women in Climate Change national forum series?

Dr Clark—Could you repeat that?

Senator COLBECK—The Women in Climate Change national forum series.

Dr Clark—I am certainly not aware of that, but we would be happy to take that on notice.

Senator COLBECK—Did the CSIRO contribute financially to the series?

Dr Clark—As I have just mentioned, not to my knowledge or the knowledge of my officers, but I am happy to take that on notice and provide any further detail.

Senator COLBECK—Can you tell me what process you follow when you are considering whether or not to sponsor a particular event?

Mr Whelan—Typically the issue of sponsorship involves consideration of the alignment of potential stakeholder audiences with the CSIRO research program and also whether there would be value for money associated with the sponsorship and whether there would be CSIRO scientists or researchers associated with the program.

Senator COLBECK—Do you have a panel that considers those things, or is it done at an individual unit level?

Mr Whelan—Those decisions typically are taken at an individual business unit level.

Senator COLBECK—A copy of the brochure for that particular forum indicates that you were sponsors. You might have to take this on notice, but could you indicate how much was invested in that particular event?

Mr Whelan—Yes. As Dr Clark has indicated, we will take that the question on notice and we will provide you with advice on whether there was sponsorship and what the value of it was.

ANSWER

Some CSIRO Officers participated in the event with the agreement of line management; CSIRO did not provide financial sponsorship for the Women in Climate Change event.