## **Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

## ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Innovation, Industry, Science and Research Portfolio Budget Estimates Hearing 2012-13 28 and 29 May 2012

**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** COMMONWEALTH SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH ORGANISATION (CSIRO)

**TOPIC:** Environment Groups - membership

**REFERENCE:** Question on Notice (Hansard, 28 May 2012, page 24)

**QUESTION No.:** BI-14

**Senator RHIANNON:** In responding to a story on ABC radio, a spokesperson from the CSIRO in February 2012 said that it is a member of a wide range of interest groups. He said that it is appropriate to maintain close links with all sides of a debate. Are you a member of groups such as the Australian Conservation Foundation or Greenpeace or any environment groups?

**Mr Whelan:** Senator, we are involved in a wide range of groups right across the industry and community spectrum. We do a significant amount of sponsorship for—

**Senator RHIANNON:** Can you give me some examples? **Mr Whelan:** I would have to take the detail on notice, Senator.

## **ANSWER**

Refer to answer SI-73 of Budget Estimates Hearing 19 October 2011.