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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: COMMONWEALTH SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH ORGANISATION (CSIRO)

TOPIC: Science Minister – Workplace Bullying

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Bushby

QUESTION No.: BI-147

1. At any time since 1 December 2007, has CSIRO advised the office of the Science Minister of any instances of workplace complaints within the organisation? If so, on what date(s) in each case?
2. During his time as Science Minister, did Senator Carr ever formally discuss with Dr Garrett, Dr Clark and/or Mr Roy the issue of workplace bullying at CSIRO? If so, on what date(s) – and who initiated that discussion in each case?
3. During his time as Science Minister, has Senator Evans ever formally discussed with Dr Clark and/or Mr Roy the issue of workplace bullying at CSIRO? If so, on what date(s) – and who initiated that discussion in each case?

ANSWER

1. Yes. Advice has been provided to the office of the Science Minister through CSIRO's Ministerial and Parliamentary Liaison Office regarding instances of workplace complaints on the following dates: 4 March 2009; 10 February 2010; 30 March 2010; 21 March 2011; 22 August 2011; 9 September 2011; 26 April 2012; 4 June 2012; 5 June 2012.
2. No.
3. No formal discussion on workplace bullying at CSIRO was held by Minister Evans with Dr Clark or Mr Roy prior to 12 June 2012.