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

TOPIC: *'FUTURES' PROGRAM*

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Bushby

QUESTION No.: *BI-152*

Senator BUSHBY – How many staff are employed to work on CSIRO's 'Futures' program, and what is the overall cost of this program on an annual basis? Please provide a full list and description of each of the projects undertaken as part of this program since 1 December 2007, and their practical outcomes.

ANSWER

The CSIRO "Futures" Theme is currently staffed at the level of 2.7 full time staff. The expenditure for this Theme in 2011-12 FY up until 31 May 2012 was \$0.47m. The CSIRO "Futures" Theme commenced in 2009. The following projects have been completed, in the period since commencement of the activity:

Project	Practical Outcomes
"Our Future World" report	Report publically available
"The future of sport: Sports megatrends" report	Advice to client
"Future Spaces" report	Advice to client
"Signposts for Queensland: A foresight workshop"	Advice to government: Workshop conducted for Queensland Government.
Input to: Newcrest Executive Leadership Management training programme	Advice to client: Multiple facilitated workshops as part of company training programme
Input to: "Manufacturing a better future: the role of science, technology and innovation.	Advice to government: Report to be published. Report prepared for the Prime Minister's Manufacturing Taskforce (Paper 8)
"Food price volatility and alleviating hunger: Knowledge requirements to inform policy design"	Report publically available

The following project is ongoing:

Queensland Foresight Consortium: Workshop series	Advice to client (Brisbane Institute)
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Additionally, the CSIRO "Futures" team conduct background work in the field and have contributed to development of CSIRO Strategy 2011-15 and other internal strategy projects.