

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** COMMONWEALTH SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH ORGANISATION

**TOPIC:** CSIRO and Deakin University

**REFERENCE:** Question on Notice (Hansard 21 October 2009, E63).

**QUESTION No.:** SI-40

**Senator ABETZ**—That is what I thought might be occurring, and of course that will be substantially cheaper in relation to current market expectations for the Toyota Prius. In relation to the textile sector, I realise that perhaps I should have been asking some questions in the science area about what is happening with the collaboration between CSIRO and Deakin University. That is now on the *Hansard* and if CSIRO can give me an update on that, courtesy of the *Hansard*, I would be obliged to them.....

**ANSWER**

Collaborations between CSIRO and Deakin University are focused on textile and fibre research, and specifically in fibre-reinforced composites, colouration of natural fibres, and surface treatments of fibres.