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Senator BIRMINGHAM - Certainly. I am particularly looking at what role CSIRO had in the final development of the sustainable diversion limits and the publication of the guide to the Murray-Darling plan.....

.....**Senator BIRMINGHAM** - So while not contributing directly to the guide or the setting of the SDLs, you did have staff on secondment to the authority?

Dr Johnson - That is correct.

Senator BIRMINGHAM - How many staff were on secondment and over what period of time?

Dr Johnson - I would have to get the exact dates for you on notice. I think I had best take that on notice; I do not have that detail in front of me right now.

Senator BIRMINGHAM - These were particular experts in certain fields?

Dr Johnson - Correct.

Senator BIRMINGHAM - What types of fields?

Dr Johnson - We had expertise in river water modelling, experts around ground water assessment, expertise in socioeconomics - a range of skills, depending on what the basin required.

Senator BIRMINGHAM - Obviously quite a number of staff across a number of—

Dr Johnson - From time to time, yes.

Senator BIRMINGHAM - If you could provide that detail on notice, that would be helpful.

Dr Johnson - Sure.

ANSWER

The following staff were seconded to the Murray-Darling Basin Authority:

Staff Name	Period	Expertise
Dr Bill Young	16 March 2009 - 31 May 2010	Hydrological Modelling
Dr Jeff Connor	January 2010 - 30 June 2010	Socioeconomic Advise and Review
Dr Ang Yang	17 August 2009 - 18 September 2009	River System Modelling