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TOPIC: Staffing numbers

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QUESTION NO: SI-15

Senator BUSHBY - Just for the record: how many employees left the CSIRO in the 2009-10 year?

Mr Roy - I can get that detail for you.

Dr Clark - In terms of the context, as Mr Roy outlined, our resignation rates, voluntary leaving of the CSIRO, is at a five-year low, certainly for our scientists—in the year to date, it is around 1.7 per cent, which is a drop from over four per cent. That is a pretty clear measure.

Senator BUSHBY - Could you get those numbers for the last five years?

Dr Clark - Absolutely. We can provide those numbers.

Senator BUSHBY - Also, how many stress leave claims have there been in the past 12 months?

Dr Clark - We can certainly provide that for you.

ANSWER

Resignations

	June 2006	June 2007	June 2008	June 2009	June 2010	28 Sept 2010
All Functional Areas	361	410	413	260	264	47

Stress Leave Claims

The incidence of workplace stress is a complex issue to quantify. However 12 incidents describing workplace stress or anxiety were reported in the last 12 months (1 October 2009 to 30 September 2010) across CSIRO's approximately 6500 staff.

Of these, two claims were accepted by Comcare and one claim is in process with liability yet to be determined.