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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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TOPIC: Collaborative Development Program (CDP)

REFERENCE: Written Question–Senator Colbeck

QUESTION No.: SI-66

In the last round of Estimates Questions on Notice, the Coalition asked a number of questions about an email dated 31 May 2010 that was sent to a range of stakeholders about a new, so-called Collaborative Development Program (CDP). In relation to that email:

- Did Research Division receive a request from anyone in the Minister's office or any other member of the Government to not send out that email until on or after 31 May 2010? If so, what was the nature of that request?
- Has it now been decided whether the Department will proceed with establishing the CDP?
- If so, when will it be established?
- If not, what is the Government's and the Department's current position on the possible establishment of the CDP?

ANSWER

No.

Yes.

Following consultation on the proposed Collaboration Development Program, the Minister has decided to proceed in a slightly different form to that proposed in the draft guidelines. Funding will be provided from 2011 to facilitate the development of new consortia seeking CRC funding in priority areas.

Not applicable.