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TOPIC: CSIRO PLANT INDUSTRY

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QUESTION No.: SI-10

Senator XENOPHON: Is the income that CSIRO Plant Industry derives from its partnership agreements with plant biotech companies published in your annual report?

Mr Whelan: Certainly the aggregate of it would be, yes.

Senator XENOPHON: Would that include a breakdown of, say, revenue from profit sharing, revenue from access to CSIRO facilities and the like?

Mr Whelan: No. That level of detail would not be in our annual report.

Senator XENOPHON: There is no reason why that could not be provided. That itself would not be commercial-in-confidence, would it?

Mr Whelan: No. We would be happy to provide you with details on the different forms of income we receive.

ANSWER

Between CSIRO Plant Industry and the Food Futures Flagship the total approximate income (for the financial year 2010-11) was:

- collaborative research projects with plant biotech companies = approximately \$7 million.
- licensing fees/royalty share with plant biotech companies = approximately \$12 million.