

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** AUSTRALIAN NUCLEAR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ORGANISATION

**TOPIC:** ANSTO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**REFERENCE:** Question on Notice (Hansard, 19 October 2011, page 20)

**QUESTION No.:** SI-19

**Senator ABETZ:** Of the non-executive board members now serving on the ANSTO board of directors, how many facilities with director affiliations have received support in cash, in kind or in infrastructure support from ANSTO in the past two years?

**Dr Paterson:** In terms of the non-executive board members, we work with all of those institutions as part of our activities.

**Senator ABETZ:** Given the shortage of time, perhaps I could invite you to take that question on notice.

**Dr Paterson:** I believe we have already provided an answer in respect of that, but we will take it on notice.

**Senator ABETZ:** And perhaps you could update it.

**Dr Paterson:** Yes, we will update it with the most recent information.

**ANSWER**

As part of its broader research and innovation strategy and as mandated by the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation Act 1987, ANSTO has extensive collaborative and partnership arrangements with Australian medical research institutes, universities and nuclear research institutes. The following list provides examples of ANSTO's current collaborations which may involve institutions with director affiliations:

- Researchers and students from 40 Australian and New Zealand universities, CSIRO and GNS Science (New Zealand) access ANSTO's research facilities through the Australian Institute of Nuclear Science and Engineering.
- ANSTO provides access to the neutron beam instruments of the Bragg Institute, which includes, among others, institutions with director affiliations. An equivalent process has been developed in the past year by ANSTO LifeSciences to provide access to their research facilities.
- ANSTO has memoranda of understanding in place with, among others, Monash University and the University of Sydney that envisage collaboration in relation to facilities access and joint research.
- ANSTO is a member of a number of Collaborative Research Centres.

- ANSTO is involved in collaborations for the further development of cyclotrons and the availability of radioisotopes around Australia for research purposes (see Budget Estimates Question BI-39 (May 2010)) including the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research funded National Imaging Facility which operates under the auspices of the Characterisation Council.
- ANSTO has a number of joint post-doctoral appointments with universities and participates with in kind contributions to a number of Australian Research Council funding arrangements.

Those collaborations produce hundreds of transactions which could be described as “support” of various kinds. These collaborations and partnerships allow ANSTO scientists and researchers to participate in and share knowledge, research and platforms across Australia.