AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: COMMONWEALTH SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH ORGANISATION

TOPIC: APPOINTMENT OF DR MEGAN CLARK

REFERENCE: Question on Notice (Hansard, 19 October 2011, Pages 5 and 6)

QUESTION No.: SI-5

Senator COLBECK: You might have to take these on notice because these are specific questions in relation to a couple of issues that Dr Clark has declared in the annual report—that is, the date of appointment to the Australia Advisory Board of the Bank of America Merrill Lynch.
Mr Whelan: Specifically the date at which she went onto that board?
Senator COLBECK: Yes, and also the date that she became a director of Cradle Mountain Carbon Pty Ltd.
Mr Whelan: I will just check. One of the things that all board members do, and Dr Clark is a board member, is that they provide standing declarations of interests, so I have a copy of Dr Clark's standing declaration. It is my understanding, based on this advice, that she notified the CSIRO board—and I can recall the CSIRO board discussing this; I was present when it discussed this—that she had been approached to be a member of the advisory committee for the Bank of America Merrill Lynch in Australia. She declared that interest, according to the details I have in front of me, on 28 April 2010. That was the date of a board meeting.
Senator COLBECK: That is the date of declaration?
Mr Whelan: Yes.
Senator COLBECK: I am talking about the date of appointment.
Mr Whelan: I do not have that. I would have to take that on notice.
Senator COLBECK: Okay, so you will take that on notice.
Mr Whelan: Sorry, the second one was Cradle—
Senator COLBECK: Cradle Mountain Carbon Pty Ltd.

ANSWER

1) Dr Clark's appointment to the Bank of America Merrill Lynch Advisory Board was effective on 1 July 2010.

2) Dr Clark became a Director of Cradle Mountain Carbon Pty Ltd on 16 June 2011.