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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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TOPIC: Conflicts of Interest

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QUESTION No.: SI-68

Mr Whelan also remarked on 19 October 2011 that “we do not always participate. On some occasions the requirement for us to participate is conditional on us effectively being seen to support a policy position. We do not participate on those occasions”. In what Government-financed advertising has CSIRO declined to participate during the past five years?

ANSWER

Records of such requests are not maintained centrally, however, as one known example, in May 2011, Dr James Moody was invited by the Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy to become a “Broadband Champion”. As this request was in essence seeking a CSIRO Officer to publicly endorse and advocate for a Government policy, this invitation was declined.