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Senator MASON: You may need to take my next question on notice. Can you provide a list of all the major space infrastructure owned by the CSIRO? Secondly, can you provide a list of any income derived from the 2011-12 financial year?

Dr Clark: Yes, I can provide you that in a comprehensive list, but let me just give you an overview. In terms of the space infrastructure, we have the radioastronomy facilities at Parkes, the Mopra facility at Narrabri and the facilities in Western Australia—the Murchison.

Senator MASON: I am happy for you to take it on notice. I do not want to take up the committee's time, because I know it is very valuable. If you can take both those questions on notice, I would be very grateful.

Dr Clark: Not a problem.

Senator MASON: Thanks, Dr Clark.

ANSWER

A list of major space infrastructure collectively known as the Australia Telescope National Facility (ATNF) and owned by the CSIRO is available to the public at: http://www.atnf.csiro.au/the_atnf/

Income derived from these facilities during the 2011-12 financial year is provided in the following table:

Operations Income 2011/12	Income \$
Accommodation	
Marsfield	44,802
Parkes	55,811
Narrabri	66,633
Visitors Centre	
Parkes	473,356
Narrabri	3,550
Other Income	
Bureau of Meteorology ^a	9,469
Sydney University ^b	15,958
Other minor	3,944
Total	673,527

Notes:

^a Bureau of Meteorology is for electricity usage

^b Sydney University contributes towards use of our facilities