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SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2003-2004 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING

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Senator Carr asked on 20 February 2004 (EWRE Hansard page 40)

Question:

What is the impact of an extension of those IP rights from 50 to 70 years for Australian researchers? What if we take the case for instance of people working in the medical field?

Answer:

Australian United States Free Trade Agreement (AEI)

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