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Senator Siewert asked on 15 February 2006, EWRE Hansard page 59.

Question:

Senator Siewert – Will there be patents held over the G-bIRD system? I am presuming there will be.

Dr Steele – I will take that question on notice, but my preliminary answer is that I expect that there is one patent over this.

Senator Siewert – Okay. If you could let us know if there is one or more, and at what stage they are at. I understand there are different levels of patents as well.

Dr Steele – Yes.

Senator Siewert – It is a while since I looked at the patent book.

Dr Steele – It will either be a patent application or a granted patent, so that is the first question we will answer for you. Second, we will give you an indication of the jurisdictions in the world where we have applied for the patent.

Senator Siewert – Will you take on board or do I need to detail what I need?

Dr Steele – No, we will take that on notice.

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

G-bIRD technology - Patents

CSIRO filed patent applications in respect of four inventions relating to the technology now referred to as G-bIRD. There are granted patents in the following countries: Australia, Canada, Germany, France, United Kingdom, Hong Kong, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Sweden, Singapore and the USA (two patents).

In respect of each of the other three inventions relating to the G-bIRD technology, an international patent application under the Patent Cooperation Treaty has been filed to cover these.