

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

**SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome: CSIRO
Output Group: CSIRO

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Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

CSIRO Total Wellbeing Diet

Is it standard CSIRO procedure that interested parties, like Meat and Livestock Australia, fund research into a project from which they are likely to profit?

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

CSIRO Total Wellbeing Diet

The findings of CSIRO's research, whether funded solely by CSIRO or jointly (or wholly) by CSIRO's partners or clients, are independent. In accepting funding from a client or partner for a research project, CSIRO is agreeing that it will conduct a particular project but it does not agree that the research results will come out in a particular way.

The co-authors of the book have stated that their research findings were not influenced by the meat industry association being one of the funders.