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Senator Wong asked on 31 May 2006, EWRE Hansard page 40.

Question:

Senator Wong—There you go; you can do it after you have done all that, Mr Whelan. Is CSIRO currently conducting research on geosequestration?

Dr Garrett—Yes. As part of our energy activities in the energy flagship, we are engaged in a number of programs that relate to this area.

Senator Wong—How many projects are there?

Dr Garrett—I do not know exactly. I will ask my colleague Dr Morton to join us, if he has that detail, but I am not sure that he does. Dr Morton is the head of the Sustainable Energy and Environment group of divisions. We do not know the exact number of projects. We can take that on notice and provide you with that information.

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

Geological storage of CO₂

CSIRO has a major on-going research program into the geological storage of CO₂. Of the five projects that CSIRO is undertaking in geosequestration, four are mature (i.e. they have been operating for 3-7 years) and one is at an early stage (operating one year). CSIRO has regularly reported findings from these projects at national and international conferences, and through published papers and reports.