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

DEST Question No. E200_07

Senator Siewert asked on 31 May 2006, EWRE Hansard page 50.

Question:

Senator Siewert—So the first two patents you referred to in your answer from last estimates related to the airborne technology. Is that correct?

Dr Steele—Are you drawing a distinction between ground based and airborne in that question?

Senator Siewert—Yes.

Dr Steele—You are effectively asking a question as to whether or not the claim sets on those patents and reads on one and not on to the other. I am going to have to take that question on notice.

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

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Patent family 1 referred to is entitled “A detection system for use in an aircraft”. However this family includes patents in several different jurisdictions that have claims that may be read to include ground-based systems, which would need to monitor infrared above the horizon. Patent family 2 is still going through the patent application process in different countries.

The claims do not have identical wording in different jurisdictions therefore it is not possible to determine whether or not a particular activity would infringe the claims of the CSIRO patent without detailed analysis.