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

DEST Question No. E202_07

Senator Siewert asked on 31 May 2006, EWRE Hansard page 51.

Question:

Senator Siewert—CSIRO might know but you do not know yet whether that covers airborne and ground based. Is that correct? What I am trying to find out is whether you have a patent over the ground based technology yet.

Dr Steele—I am saying that CSIRO certainly knows that but that I do not know that answer now. It is a question for me to ask our patent attorneys.

Senator Siewert—What I want to know is whether you have that patent yet.

Dr Steele—That having been said, I am expecting that the answer is yes.

Senator Siewert—So you think that the original patent from family No. 1 in 1990 covers the ground based as well as the airborne?

Dr Steele—That is my expectation, and I will answer the question on notice.

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

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Yes.