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**SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
2006-2007 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING**

**Outcome:** CSIRO  
**Output Group:** CSIRO

**DEST Question No. E203\_07**

Senator Siewert asked on 31 May 2006, EWRE Hansard page 52

**Question:**

**Senator Siewert**—Does CSIRO have other scientists who are knowledgeable in this area that could answer these questions if it was a major issue? Do you have other experts in this technology?

**Dr Steele**—A couple of comments. The first comment in response to that is: of course the CSIRO in-house folks and our patent attorneys would have access to the records we still have in relation to the research work. The second comment is: on each of these four patents there is in fact more than one inventor, so we are hoping that we would have at least one inventor—

**Senator Siewert**—Still left!

**Dr Steele**—able to assist us. The third comment is: I would have to take the third question on notice, which was: are we completely denuded of scientists who are competent in this area?

**Answer:**

*CSIRO has provided the following response.*

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CSIRO employs one of the inventors on the original patent.