

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

**Outcome:** CSIRO

**Output Group:** CSIRO

#### **DEST Question No. E209\_07**

Senator Siewert provided in writing.

#### **Question:**

Is the approach taken to commercialising this project the same as that taken with the commercialisation of all projects by CSIRO?  
If not, where does it differ?

#### **Answer:**

*CSIRO has provided the following response.*

#### *G-bIRD*

The G-bIRD case is distinctive in that whilst maintaining its exclusive license, the licensee has indicated that it wishes to form a spin-off company to further develop the intellectual property and to take the product to market. Although CSIRO does participate in spin-off company formation, it is not often the case that an exclusive licensee would be involved in this process.