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Senator Milne asked on 30 May 2007, EWRE Hansard page 57.

Question:

Senator Milne – How many other surveys of this kind were undertaken in the last year across CSIRO?

Dr Morton – The most active area of work that would be equivalent would be in considering the application of nanotechnology.

Senator Milne – So there was just one apart from this one?

Dr Morton – That is the only one that is in my mind at the moment, but my colleagues might provide others.

Senator Milne – I can either seek it now or get it taken on notice to see how many other surveys of this kind were undertaken and whether they were all undertaken at the behest and expense of the private sector.

Dr Garrett – So that is your definition of these surveys, Senator; we will take this on notice.

Senator Milne – and you will provide information on who funded them and so on?

Dr Garrett - Of course.

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

Public Opinion Surveys – CSIRO (Market Research)

A review of CSIRO's projects indicates that no other surveys of this kind were undertaken in the last year across CSIRO. The nanotechnology work referred to by Dr Steve Morton was completed in 2004.