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### SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2007-2008 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

**Outcome** CSIRO

#### **DEST Question No. E048\_08**

Senator Carr asked on 30 May 2007, EWRE Hansard page 64.

#### **Question:**

**Dr Steele**—No. I would like to go on with my answer. We have asked him, in order to make a decision as to whether or not there is a problem with the patent applications, what the magnitude of that problem is. In other words, are the patent applications fatally flawed in some fashion or is there a minor error with them? Could he please indicate to us what the errors are? He has offered us a quote to do that work, an estimate of an hourly rate, the time period it would take and the time period in which he could give—

**Senator CARR**—An airfare back to Australia. Is that right?

**Dr Steele**—Correct. Yes.

**Senator CARR**—Are you going to take him up on that?

**Dr Steele**—We have not made a decision about that. We expect we will make a decision about that in the next week.

**Senator CARR**—Can you take it on notice that the committee be advised as to the outcomes of your deliberations?

**Dr Steele**—I am more than happy to do that.

#### **Answer:**

*CSIRO has provided the following response.*

#### *G-bIRD*

Following a review of the current commercial potential of the G-bIRD PCT patent applications lodged in September 2004 and January 2005, and CSIRO having recently had discussions with its licensee, CSIRO has now decided to let these patent applications lapse.