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Senator Carr asked on 30 May 2007, EWRE Hansard page 18.

Question:

Senator CARR—In terms of Gemini international research facility I understand that funding arrangements under this program have been for domestic researchers. However, in fact, the Gemini international research program was funded through this program in the past—is that the case?

Mr Marsden—Yes, that is correct.

Senator CARR—The Australian researchers requested 380 hours of viewing time with the telescopes—is that right?

Mr Marsden—I cannot recall. I would have to take that on notice.

Senator CARR—It was put to me that they were able to be funded for only 116 hours. Do you know if that is right?

Mr Marsden—No, I do not. I would have to look at the time allocation committee statistics on that. That is not run by the ARC; it is run by the astronomers themselves.

Answer:

ARC has provided the following response:

Gemini international research facility

The ARC confirms that Australian researchers requested, in proposals, 380 hours of viewing time with Gemini telescopes in the second semester of 2004.

The ARC also confirms that the number of hours awarded in the successful proposals was 116 in the second semester of 2004.