

**Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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**Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry**

**Question:** RIRDC01

**Division/Agency:** Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation

**Topic:** RIRDC Funding

**Hansard Page:** 117-118 (26/05/2009)

**Senator Colbeck asked:**

**Senator COLBECK**—In respect of the funding that you receive from government, which is \$14.914 million according to page 207 on the PBS—

**Dr O'Brien**—Yes.

**Senator COLBECK**—how much do you generally leverage that up by? You have got funds from other sources of \$19.12 million, but when you actually convert that into research spend with partners that come on board to do that, what does that end up being leveraged up to?

**Answer:**

Analysis over a recent five year period shows that statutory levies (7 per cent), government matching contribution (6 per cent) and appropriation research and development investments (17 per cent) leverage investments from research organisations (45 per cent), industry (18 per cent) and other external contributions (7 per cent) by a factor of 2.3.

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**Question:** RIRDC02

**Division/Agency:** Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation

**Topic:** Operational Plan

**Hansard Page:** 123 (26/05/2009)

**Senator Siewert asked:**

**Senator SIEWERT**—I am interested in those projects that you have to drop, or you may have to drop, because of the funding cut. Your plan may not in fact tell us the projects that you have to drop and who is involved with those projects. That is what I am interested in knowing.

**Dr O'Brien**—Okay.

**Senator SIEWERT**—I am obviously interested in your future planning, but I would like to know what projects, if any, you have to drop because of the funding cut that you are having to take.

**Answer:**

Details on how RIRDC will implement the required savings measures are not available in advance of formal approval of the Corporation's 2009-10 Annual Operational Plan (AOP) by the Minister.

This information can be provided following approval of the AOP.