


## NOTICE UNDER SECTION 72 OF THE PUBLIC GOVERNANCE, PERFORMANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT 2013

I, Karen Andrews, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science:

- (a) give notice of an event as required under section 72 of the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013*; and
- (b) provide particulars of the event and a short statement about the event as required under section 26 of the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Rule 2014*.

<b>Nature of, and reasons for, the event</b>	
Private sector fundraising for the CSIRO Innovation Fund vehicles – CSIRO Innovation Fund 1, LP and CSIRO Innovation Follow-on Fund 1 means that CSIRO's subsidiaries have a reduced proportional interest in the CSIRO Innovation Fund.	
<b>Consequences of the event:</b>	
Dollar value of any consideration paid or received by the Commonwealth or corporate Commonwealth entity	N/A CSIRO's overall contribution (via its wholly-owned subsidiaries) is unchanged. No consideration was paid or received for this change.
Obligations or liabilities or duties (whether actual, contingent, or prospective) placed on the Commonwealth or corporate Commonwealth entity	N/A CSIRO subsidiary obligations are unchanged.
Particulars about the effect on the Commonwealth's or corporate Commonwealth entity's control of a company:	
has control or	
no longer has control	CSIRO subsidiaries have reduced control in limited and specific circumstances.
Details of other interests of the Commonwealth's or a corporate Commonwealth entity's interests that are affected by the event	CSIRO subsidiaries' interest in CSIRO Innovation Fund vehicles has been reduced. In relation to the Core Fund, this reduction is from 100% to 46.13% of partnership interests, and in relation to the Follow-on Fund this reduction is from 100% to 32.25% of units held. The consequence of this is that the relevant CSIRO subsidiaries have reduced voting rights in relation to certain specific matters.
<b>Event relating to a company:</b>	
Name of the company	
Within the meaning of section 9 of the <i>Corporations Act 2001</i> :	
the company's ACN	
whether the company is a public company	
<b>Event relating to a foreign company:</b>	
<i>(To be included where the event relates to a foreign company within the meaning of section 9 of the Corporations Act 2001)</i>	
Jurisdiction of incorporation	

Company's ARBN (within meaning of section 9 of the <i>Corporations Act 2001</i> )	
Incorporation identifier (if the company does not have an ARBN)	
<b>Signature block for Minister</b>	
Date The Hon Karen Andrews MP, Minister for Industry, Science and Technology	



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Minister for Industry, Science and Technology

For Action

Pdr ID: MS19-000110  
 CSIRO Ref: C2019/510  
 29 January 2019

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Subject: CSIRO Innovation Fund

Timing: Routine – by 7 February 2019

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Recommendations: That you

1. Sign the notification at Attachment A.
2. Approve the tabling of the notification in Parliament.

Signed/Not signed/Please discuss

Approved/Not approved/Please discuss

Karen Andrews .....

Date: 6/2 /2019

Comments:

## Key Points:

1. Under section 72 of the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability (PGPA) Act 2013* and section 26 of the PGPA Rule, responsible Ministers are required to inform Parliament of certain events relating to the involvement in a company by non-corporate or corporate Commonwealth entities.
2. The CSIRO Innovation Fund has now been fully established including two investment vehicles the Limited Partnership, CSIRO Innovation Fund 1, LP (Core Fund) and CSIRO Innovation Follow-on Fund 1 (Follow-on Fund) (MS18-001940 refers).
3. Private sector fundraising for the CSIRO Innovation Fund has exceeded the \$100 million target set to match CSIRO and Commonwealth commitments, with \$140.1 million in private sector investment having been raised (\$87.6 million in the Core Fund and \$52.5 million in the Follow-on Fund).
4. As a result of this successful private sector fundraising, CSIRO subsidiaries previously holding 100 per cent interest in the CSIRO Innovation Fund vehicles have been reduced to holding 46.13 per cent in the Core Fund and 32.25 per cent in the Follow-on Fund.
5. The consequence of this third party investment is that CSIRO (via its wholly owned subsidiaries) has diluted its voting rights in regard to certain matters. These changes are in line with industry standard.
6. The PGPA requires that CSIRO report this change to you as Minister and table a notification of the change in Parliament. The proposed notification is provided at Attachment A.

## Consultation: Nil.

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## ATTACHMENT

A: PGPA Notification

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**Notes for completing template for Minister's notice under section 72 of the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013* (PGPA Act)**

This template can be used by officials of Commonwealth entities to provide information to their responsible Minister who can in turn table the form in Parliament to fulfil responsibilities under section 72 of the PGPA Act.

Section 72 of the PGPA Act requires a Minister who has the responsibility for any of the following to table a notice of the event in each House of Parliament:

- the Commonwealth or a corporate Commonwealth entity forms or participates in forming, a company or relevant body
- the Commonwealth or a corporate Commonwealth entity becomes, or ceases to be, a member of a company or a relevant body
- a variation occurs in rights of the Commonwealth or a corporate commonwealth entity as member of a company or relevant body
- the Commonwealth or a corporate commonwealth entity acquires shares (either by subscription) or disposes of shares in a company
- a variation occurs in the rights attaching to shares held by the Commonwealth or a corporate Commonwealth entity

The Minister must table the notice of the event as soon as practicable after the event occurs.

Section 26 of the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Rule 2014* (PGPA Rule) requires that the notice of event under section 72 of the PGPA Act must contain certain particulars. These have been generally set out in the template; however, officials should refer to section 26 of the PGPA Rule before completing the form. The purpose of the notice to inform Parliament is to help ensure transparency about government operations relating to companies by requiring meaningful information be given to Parliament about those operations.

Since section 26 of the PGPA Rule refers to definitions set out in section 9 of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Corporations Act) officials should consult this section when preparing information for the notice.

If the event for which notice is being given relates to a foreign company, as defined by the Corporations Act, then if an Australian Registered Body Number (ARBN) has been given to the foreign company this should be included in the notice. Otherwise the incorporation identifier given to the foreign company in the jurisdiction it was incorporated should be included.

Please note that if the event does not involve a foreign company, as defined by section 9 of the Corporations Act then the last section of the table does not need to be included in the notice tabled in Parliament by the Minister.