

Effective date: **16/05/2007**

Result: **In accordance with Senate Standing Order 3.9.5, an absolute majority of members of the committee voted in favour of the resolution below.**

Members eligible to vote: **Mr Terry Budge (Chair)**

Prof. John Yovich	(Vice	Mr Garry Hunt
Chancellor)		Mr Tony Iannello
Mr Brian Aitken		Mr Lloyd Johnson
Ms Janice Bowra		Assoc. Prof. Jim Macbeth
Prof. Stuart Bradley		Ms Shirley McPherson
Prof. Nick Costa		Judge Kate O'Brien
Ms Alison Gaines		Dr Lyndy Scott
Mr Gerry Georgatos		Dr Stewart Washer
Mr Philip Hocking		

Abstentions: **Nil**

Secretary: **Jeremy Rigg**

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (SENATE STANDING ORDERS CLAUSE 4.2)

Prof Stuart Bradley declared an interest, as a close relative works at the Centre for Clinical Immunology and Biomedical Statistics.

2. AUTHORISATIONS FOR INSTITUTE OF IMMUNOLOGY AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

It was recently announced as part of the 2007 Federal budget that the University is to receive funding of \$19.5M for the purposes of construction of the Institute of Immunology & Infectious Diseases (IIID), formerly referred to as the CCIBS building.

The Institute will host research centres focussed on health and life sciences, including Professor Simon Mallal and his team from the Centre for Clinical Immunology and Biomedical Statistics. Professor Mallal has been internationally acclaimed for making several key advances in HIV research, including the discovery that the HIV virus can mutate to avoid recognition by the immune system.

This construction project was previously approved by Senate by way of resolution S/78/2005, as "the construction of a building to house the Centre for Clinical Immunology & Biomedical Statistics ... with a bare laboratory, financed through project debt".

In June 2006, the Resources Committee supported an expanded version of the project, including suites for commercial leasing to business in the health, medicine and biotechnology fields, noting that it would be dependent on the outcome of the application for Federal funding.

The overall cost for the construction of the IIID building assessed as \$64M. A summary of these costs are attached together with details of the external funding and grant commitments which Murdoch has achieved. A major fund raising campaign is

also in the process of being mobilised.

The Federal funding that has now been announced requires that the funds be provided in the 2006-2007 financial year, and therefore the University anticipates signing funding documentation within the next few weeks.

For this reason, a resolution of the Resources Committee, RC/9/2007, was passed by circulation, effective 11 May, with an absolute majority in favour of recommending the following resolution to Senate.

Resolved:
S/25/2007

That Senate authorises:

- (i) the Vice Chancellor, or his delegate, to sign all documentation to give effect to the provision of \$19.5 million of Federal government funding to support the establishment of the Institute for Immunology and Infectious Diseases in its enlarged form as presented to Resources Committee on 27 June 2006;*
- (ii) University management to undertake debt financing for the Institute as required and in accordance with legislative requirements; and*
- (iii) the Vice Chancellor or his delegate to enter into all contracts necessary to build, sub-lease or furnish the proposed Institute for Immunology and Infectious Diseases.*

