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Senate Stem Cell Vote

The Australian Stem Cell Centre scientists and staff are delighted with the positive Senate vote for Senator Patterson's Stem Cell Bill.

"It is very satisfying to see the majority of Senators understand and are prepared to support the advances that stem cell research has achieved in the past few years and the opportunities for the future.

"Although this is only the first step in progressing the Patterson Bill, we are hopeful that it will also be supported in the House of Representatives.

"We would like to extend our thanks to all the Senators who acted as advocates for stem cell research, particularly Senator Patterson and Senator Stott Despoja. Their support and willingness to act on behalf of patients and scientists on this issue has been inspiring and is deeply appreciated by us all", Professor Stephen Livesey, the Chief Executive of the Australian Stem Cell Centre, said.

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Background

The Australian Stem Cell Centre

The ASCC is a major Australian collaborative initiative uniting many of the country's leading academic researchers with the biotechnology industry to develop innovative therapeutic products to treat a range of serious injuries and debilitating diseases.

The ASCC represents around 150 scientists in four states working on 16 projects which were chosen following an exhaustive assessment process to maximise the chances of securing medical and commercial breakthroughs. The ASCC collaborates with nine leading Australian research institutes and universities, as well as with biotechnology companies such as Stem Cell Sciences Ltd.

