

**Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** COMMONWEALTH SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH ORGANISATION (CSIRO)

**TOPIC:** CSIRO – Impact of Research projects

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Mason

**QUESTION No.:** AI-60

With respect to the July 2010 ACIL Tasman report into the Assessment of CSIRO Impact & Value:

- a) To what extent has CSIRO implemented ACIL Tasman’s recommendation that CSIRO “build a flexible strategy so that it can better respond, at lower cost, to plausible new information” (pages xii-xiii)?
- b) Have ACIL Tasman’s recommendations been incorporated into CSIRO’s Impact 2020 Project?

**ANSWER**

ACIL Tasman’s recommendation has been incorporated into the CSIRO’s planning and review processes including the Impact 2020 project. The Science Planning and Prioritisation process provides the mechanism for the enterprise and research groups to consider new information on an annual basis and adjust plans and resources accordingly for the coming financial year.

The Impact 2020 Project is considering approaches to improve the monitoring of progress towards long term research impact, and will also enhance the CSIRO’s ability to assess and incorporate new information into research plans.