

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
Innovation, Industry, Science and Research Portfolio  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** COMMONWEALTH SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH ORGANISATION

**TOPIC:** National Weeds and Productivity Research Program

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Birmingham

**QUESTION No.** BI-109

To what extent will the expected outcomes of the program for which the \$450,000 was allocated to the CSIRO be achieved through the \$15.2 million to the National Weeds and Productivity Research Program in the Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry portfolio?

**ANSWER**

The \$15.5 million in the 2008-09 Budget for setting up a National Weeds Research Centre is under the control of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF). CSIRO understands that there will be a call for research proposals in September/October under this scheme, and these proposals will be assessed on a merit basis. CSIRO does not know if funding will be available within this scheme to achieve the expected outcomes of the program from which the \$450,000 was allocated to CSIRO.