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QUESTION No. BI-13

Will CSIRO be withdrawing from any of these partnerships and what are the associated consequences for CSIRO, the relevant private sector partners, and society in general?

ANSWER

As stated in answer to question BI-12, CSIRO does not distinguish between private and public components in projecting external revenue. However, as a result of the projected impact of the budget outcomes, CSIRO will be scaling back investment in lower priority research portfolios as identified by its Science Investment Process. This will, for example, see research activities being curtailed over the next 12-30 months in table grapes, dried fruits and citrus crops with a likely corresponding reduction in investment by those sectors in that research with CSIRO.