

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** COMMONWEALTH SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH ORGANISATION

**TOPIC:** ASTRONOMY BUDGET

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Colbeck

**QUESTION No.:** SI-83

Is there a shortfall in CSIRO's astronomy budget – if so, by how much? Is this shortfall being recovered through cuts – and, if so, to what measures and programs are the cuts being made and by how much?

**ANSWER**

No. As with all parts of the CSIRO, the CSIRO Division of Astronomy and Space Science is required to operate within its allocated budget. This may result in the reprioritisation of activities from time to time in any area of CSIRO in order to ensure that activities are undertaken within their allocated funding envelopes.