

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE – QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2003-2004 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: CSIRO
Output Group: - CSIRO

DEST Question No. E960_04

Senator Carr provided in writing

Question:

Refers to DEST Question No E547_04

You refer in the answer to E547_04 to the “one CSIRO” approach leading to restructures in support services ... resulting in cost savings.

How many jobs will be lost as a result of this strategy?

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

Restructures and staff impacts

From 2003-04, the major thrust of the research support services initiative is to achieve genuine savings through:

- lower costs for goods and services achieved through more co-ordinated CSIRO-wide procurement arrangements; and,
- a reduction in the costs associated with the procure-to-pay processes through adoption of electronic ordering and payment arrangements.

Other research support initiatives include:

- more effective and efficient utilisation of IT and library services across CSIRO;
- further progress in the ongoing consolidation of CSIRO sites to achieve efficiencies in operating costs; and,
- ongoing review of the full range of research support services to ensure the most effective and efficient operations.

It is not known at this stage what impact the ongoing review of research support services will have on staff numbers. However, in those cases where efficiencies are achieved that lead to a reduction in staff numbers, redeployment of staff into other areas will remain a priority.