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Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

On September 24, 2004 the manager of ITS, Roze Frost, told the Staff Association that the rollout date for CSIRO IT was February 2005. How is it feasible to roll out CSIRO IT before the up grade of the CSIRO web site has been completed?

What is the expected date of the CSIRO IT roll out?

What are the reasons for any delay?

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

CSIRO IT

CSIRO IT was formed on 1 July 2004. The formation of CSIRO IT combined information technology services from across 21 CSIRO Divisions and Business Units into an enterprise-wide unified entity closely aligned to the organisation's strategic goals.

CSIRO IT is responsible for delivering IT services and projects to support CSIRO's science and business operations. CSIRO IT provides a range of essential functions such as Corporate Applications, IT Security, Wide Area Network, IT storage, email, servers, desktop support and IT services directly supporting research to all CSIRO staff across the organisation.

The roll out of CSIRO IT involved introducing CSIRO staff to a new IT model. The roll out of CSIRO IT to all of CSIRO occurred on March 7th 2005.

There was no dependency on the upgrade of the CSIRO website for the roll out of CSIRO IT.

The roll out on March 7th 2005 (rather than the end of February 2005) was planned to ensure all communication and preparation had adequate time to be completed.