

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2004-2005 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: CSIRO
Output Group: CSIRO

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Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

What is the 2004/05 budget for BD&C?

What proportion of the budget for BD&C comes from appropriation sources?

Does any of this come to BD&C via other divisions or units?
If so, what is the reason for that?

Please provide a comprehensive breakdown of income for BD&C from other sources?

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

Business Development and Commercialisation -04/05 Budget

On an enterprise level, approximately 71% of the business development and commercialisation effort in CSIRO is conducted in Divisions. Total enterprise business development and commercialisation expenses (including legal) are estimated to be \$33 million, or approximately 3.6% of CSIRO's expenses.

In 2004/05 the budget for the corporate BD&C group is \$13.23 million, which includes business development and commercialisation activities for Flagship Programs of approximately \$1.0 million.

The corporate BD&C budget is primarily funded from appropriation resources. As with other corporate activities, the cost of the BD&C activity is reflected as an overhead in research project budgets whether funded by appropriation reserves, external revenue or a mixture of both. Where relevant, the costs are also incorporated in charges recovered through external earnings.

In addition to this budget, in a limited number of cases a contract with a client will provide for CSIRO's expenses to be covered by the client (e.g. in the case of CSIRO's expenses in a litigation where CSIRO has an indemnity from the client for CSIRO's expenses) and where the corporate BD&C group performs these services, it will charge these expenses to the client. For 2004/05 from July–February, the total amount of such expenses invoiced to clients has been \$76,570.