

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: CSIRO
Output Group: CSIRO

DEST Question No. E585_05

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

What is the total annual cost of CSIRO's participation in this Alliance? (Salaries, fees, travel costs, pro bono research: all expenses.)

What is the total cost of CSIRO's involvement since the Alliance was first mooted?

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

Global Research Alliance - Annual Costs

The total cost of CSIRO's involvement since the Alliance was first mooted is \$355,335 or an average of \$88,817 p.a. from 2001/2002 – 2004/2005. By mutual agreement the hosting nation, on rotation, funds all internal costs for the annual Principals' meetings.

Financial Year	Salaries Estimated (1)	GRA fee and running costs	Specific activities and associated costs	Total Annual Cost
2001/02			Attendance at 1 st Principals Meeting – South Africa	\$ 9,710
2002/03	\$2,920	\$22,785 + \$ 281	Attendance at 2 nd Principals Meeting – India	\$13,599
			GRA Water Workshop – Sydney March 2003 (accommodation, meals, internal travel, for 19 GRA experts)	\$77,891
2003/04	\$12,540	\$20,265 + \$ 6,894	Attendance at 3 rd Principals Meeting – Germany	\$ 4,521
			Digital Divide Workshop – Malaysia	\$ 1,830
			Energy Workshop – USA	\$ 7,097
			Transport Meeting – South Africa	\$ 5,130
			GRA Water Council Meeting – Melbourne 2003	\$ 4,836
			Tender project proposal preparation costs	\$ 5,800
2004/05	\$14,250 (to end June 2005)	\$Nil + \$4,903 (to end Feb 2005)	Health Workshop – India	\$ 5,694
			Attendance at GRA Champions Meeting USA	\$ 2,243
			Indigenous Knowledge Workshop – South Africa	\$ 7,948
			GRA Principals' Meeting, hosted by CSIRO in Melbourne – March 2005 (includes accommodation for GRA attendees and CSIRO participants, catering, venue hire, transfers and internal travel, CSIRO site visits, event organisation and coordination, operational costs and an estimate of CSIRO	\$124,198

		staff in kind costs)	
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(1) Salaries estimate based on budgeted labour costs (including on-costs) for staff involved (see E586_05)