

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: CSIRO
Output Group: CSIRO

DEST Question No. E595_05

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

What is the cost of holding the GRA Annual meeting in Melbourne later this month?

What is the cost of this meeting to CSIRO?

How many staff will be attending?

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

Global Research Alliance - Annual meeting, Melbourne 28 February – 2 March 2005

Each member of the GRA when acting as the host country bears the cost of meetings and accommodation (but not overseas travel) for all GRA members participating, representing the other eight international members of the GRA. Therefore, as host CSIRO bore the cost for this meeting. The total cost to CSIRO of the GRA meeting in Melbourne was \$124,198, including staff salary and on costs (refer to CSIRO's response to E585_05 for a detailed breakdown).

The number of attendees at meetings varied with sessions. Five CSIRO staff attended the three day Principals' discussions which involved twenty-five participants in total. The session for Australian Leaders in Science and Industry was attended by around one hundred people; twenty-six of these were from CSIRO. Three CSIRO support staff were also involved with meeting organisation.