

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

### SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2005-2006 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING

**Outcome:** CSIRO  
**Output Group:** CSIRO

#### **DEST Question No. E1061\_06**

Senator Stephens provided in writing.

*Refers to DEST Question No E703\_06.*

#### **Question:**

CSIRO has said that the review of research support services

- takes in \$150 million support services budget, and 734 FTE staff (p50 & E703\_06)
- will lead to \$5 million saving in 05-06 (November 2005 Estimates, p51)
- expects to save \$25-\$30 million of the \$150m per year (November 2005 Estimates, p52)
- could cut up to 175 jobs over 3 years (November 2005 Estimates, p52)

Is CSIRO on target to save the \$5 million in 2005/06? If not, what is the variance and please provide explanations.

#### **Answer:**

*CSIRO has provided the following response.*

#### *Research Support Services Review*

CSIRO will not save \$5 million from the review of Research Support Services in 2005/06. However, other offsetting cost reductions in property, procurement and corporate costs have been made in 2005/06. The Research Services Review expects to generate savings of \$8.7m in 2006/07, \$16.7m in 2007/08 and \$27m in 2008/09 and out years.