

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: CSIRO
Output Group: CSIRO

DEST Question No. E1063_06

Senator Stephens provided in writing.

Refers to DEST Question No. E704_06.

Question:

Objective 6.4 of the 2003-07 Strategic Plan , which is the basis for the review stated:
"By the end of the strategic planning period (2006–07) we aim to free up \$34 million per annum in savings through this objective".(p.88)

- (a) What are the savings under this Objective for each financial year so far and what were the budgeted savings? Please itemise.
- (b) Does CSIRO expect to meet this Objective in 2006/07?
- (c) How much of the \$34 million was meant to be due to staff cuts?

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

Savings Targets

- (a) See response to DEST Question No. E704_06. The savings made through the Research Support Services review will be redirected back into the science.
- (b) In 2006/07 CSIRO expect to continue to realise the \$17 million per annum identified in the response to Question E704_06.
- (c) Based on preliminary estimates, the Research Services Review will generate savings of \$8.7 million in 2006/07, \$16.7 million in 2007/08 and \$27 million in 2008/09 and out years. These savings will be generated through reductions in staff of 200-220 over the next three years and savings in operating expenses.

Therefore, in 2006/07 CSIRO expect to realize \$33.7 million of savings against the \$34 million per annum identified in the Strategic Plan.