

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: CSIRO

Output Group: CSIRO

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Senator Stephens provided in writing.

Question:

The SIP document foreshadows overall funding cuts to many areas including:

- Agricultural sustainability (~5% cut or \$2m in "efficiency gains") - p.5
- Livestock and wool industries (4-5%) - p.5
- Renewable energy - p.6
- Manufacturing - p.6
- Security: Infrastructure and Public Safety - p.6
- Future Cities - p.6
- Process technologies - p.6
- Transport sector research in CSIRO's Energy Transformed Flagship - p.6

Please provide a list of each Theme and Division and research project which will lose funds under the SIP.

How much money is cut from each Theme, Division or project in the 2005/06 financial year and the next 2 financial years?

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

Science Investment Process

Overall investment in science will increase by approximately \$14 million (including the Flagship collaboration fund) in the 2006/07 financial year. Directional decisions were made to increase investment to 13 Divisions including the ICT Centre, Mathematical & Information Sciences and the Energy Technology, and all six Flagships will all receive additional funding.

The funding for four Divisions will decrease (see table below for details of decreases).

CSIRO Division	% change 06/07 compared to 05/06	\$m change
Industrial Physics	-5.1%	-\$ 0.92
Livestock Industries	-4.1%	-\$ 1.44
Manufacturing & Infrastructure Technologies	-10.6%	-\$ 6.00
Textiles & Fibre Technology	-4.8%	-\$ 0.70

No changes have taken place as yet as a result of the Science Investment Process. The decisions will be implemented in the 2006/07 financial year. Over the next few months Divisions and Themes will undertake more detailed budget planning in preparation for the 2006/07 financial year translating the Theme level directions into operational plans and

budgets. Only when this budget process has been completed can any changes be fully described.

Decisions affecting 2007/08 will be made during the 2006 Science Investment Process cycle with the full details not available until the 2007/08 budget is finalised in mid-2007.