

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

**Outcome:** CSIRO

**Output Group:** CSIRO

#### DEST Question No. E1074\_06

Senator Stephens provided in writing.

#### Question:

Is it true that:

- 3 Divisions will get a 0% increase - status quo of 05-06 budget – Forestry (known as 'ensis'), Minerals, Food Science Australia
- 2 Divisions will see a 4-5% cut – Livestock Industries; & Textile & Fibre Technology (merino wool research is part of TFT and is said to go altogether. General sheep & wool research is in Livestock and could face cuts)
- 2 Divisions will see a 10% cut - Industrial Physics; & Manufacturing & Infrastructure Technology

Please provide details and dollar amounts.

#### Answer:

*CSIRO has provided the following response.*

#### *Science Investment Process*

The Science Investment Decisions for 2006/07 document has provided indicative levels of change at the Divisional level. The full details about Divisional budgets will not be available until the budgets are completed in June 2006.

The following table confirms the initial investment decisions for the Divisions cited in the question above.

<b>CSIRO Division</b>	<b>% change 06/07 compared to 05/06</b>	<b>\$m change</b>
Industrial Physics	-5.1%	-\$ 0.92
Livestock Industries	-4.1%	-\$ 1.44
Minerals	0.0%	\$ -
Manufacturing & Infrastructure Technologies	-10.6%	-\$ 6.00
Textiles & Fibre Technology	-4.8%	-\$ 0.70
ENSIS (Forestry)	0.9%	\$ 0.18
Food Science Australia	0.0%	\$ -

The wool research being undertaken in the Textiles and Fibre Technology Division is grouped within the 'Increasing demand for Australian Merino Wool' Theme. CSIRO will commit approximately \$8 million in appropriation to the Theme in the 2006/07 financial year, and this includes a reduction in appropriation investment compared to 2005/06 of \$0.7M or 8%.

With respect to the general sheep and wool research that is undertaken within the Livestock Industry Division, no specific direction was described in the SIP Investment Decisions document.