

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: CSIRO

Output Group: CSIRO

DEST Question No. E1078_06

Senator Stephens provided in writing.

Question:

The SIP document states that CSIRO conducted a Manufacturing Review of the \$120m spent directly on manufacturing research and \$100m spent on "research that has some relevance to manufacturing."

"CSIRO's Manufacturing Review has identified the need for some immediate change in our investment profile and additional change is foreshadowed in the future." (p.6)

- (a) Are there any recommendations in the Review regarding the Woodville laboratories?
What are they?
- (b) Does CSIRO intend to keep them as they are or will any projects or staff be cut?
Does CSIRO intend to sell the Woodville laboratories?
Please provide details of any financial, project or staffing cuts.

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

Science Investment Process – Manufacturing Review

- (a) No. The review contains no recommendations regarding the Woodville Laboratories.
- (b) CSIRO has decided to relocate its manufacturing capabilities at Woodville in South Australia to Clayton, Victoria where the majority of the Manufacturing & Infrastructure Technology advanced materials research is conducted. Details relating to staff changes and financials are yet to be finalised.