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

Outcome: CSIRO
Output Group: CSIRO

DEST Question No. E1114_06

Senator Stephens provided in writing.

Refers to DEST Question No. E705_06.

Question:

CSIRO's projected 2004/05 Flagships external revenue was \$27.1m, with an actual of \$15.9m (Source: E705_06).

- a) How does CSIRO explain this almost 100% variation?
- b) What expected sources of income for Flagships failed to materialise?
- c) What is CSIRO doing to meet future targets?

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

Flagships external revenue

- a) The early Flagship estimates were indicative only. External revenue receipts and external in kind contributions have both grown as the Flagship initiative has developed. The aggregate of external revenue and in kind contributions is generally in line with original projections.
- b) External revenue receipts were generally offset by external in kind contributions.
- c) CSIRO is continuing to build its business development activity around the Flagships.