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Senator Wong asked on 15 February 2006, EWRE Hansard page 33.

Question:

Senator Wong – Sorry. I had \$925.4 million. It is \$925.3 million. What sort of percentage increase was that? How does that stack up against the revenue target of 50 per cent increase as articulated in the strategic plan?

Mr Whelan – That was lower than the revenue targeted in the strategic plan. I do not have it with me, but we have previously provided a reconciliation of revenue generated by CSIRO over the last three years to the figures in the strategic plan. I will be more than happy to get you a copy of that. There are two factors that are important to take into account when looking at data in the annual report, as you have just referred. The first goes to changes in the structure of the organization over that period of time. I made reference earlier to the National Measurement Laboratory moving out of the organisation. That resulted in a reduction of appropriation revenue flowing to CSIRO. So, when we make comparisons with prior periods, we need to take that into account. The second factor, in looking at year-on-year projections, which we need to take into account, is the move of CSIRO to conduct some of its research through joint ventures, and in our accounts, we do not bring to account as external revenue the revenue that flows to those joint ventures. You will note in the annual report that we have made some footnotes to that effect. The answer I was referring to provides a reconciliation of those. As I said, I am more than happy to get you a copy.

Senator Wong – I am happy for you to take that on notice.

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

Revenue target

The following table shows the areas of difference between the target financial scenario in the Strategic Plan and the Portfolio Budget Statement figures. The major items producing a divergence from the target financial scenario are the transfer of National Measurement Laboratory to the National Measurement Institute, timing in the ramp up of funding to the Flagship programs and the adjustment of revenues for joint ventures outside of CSIRO (Food Science Australia and Ensis).

Areas of Difference between PBS and CSIRO Strategic Plan 2003-2007

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
	\$ m	\$ m	\$ m
Appropriation			
Estimated Revenue from Government - Strategic Plan	591	612	632
Less:			
NML Appropriation transferred to National Measurement Institute	12	12	12
Timing of additional Flagship Funding	0	5	10
Indexation and other minor measures	2	1	2
Current Appropriation 2005-06 PBS	577	594	608
Revenue from Other Sources			
Estimated Total Revenue from Other Sources Strategic Plan	356	394	444
Adjusted for operations now outside of CSIRO			
- Food Science Australia Joint Venture	15	15	15
- ensis Joint Venture	6	12	12
- National Measurement Laboratory	3	3	3
Adjusted Strategic Plan Target Revenue from Other Sources	332	364	414
Current Total Revenue from Other Sources 2005-06 PBS	332	369	417