

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

**Outcome:** CSIRO  
**Output Group:** CSIRO

#### **DEST Question No. E948\_06**

Senator Stott Despoja provided in writing.

*Refers to DEST Question No. E751\_06*

#### **Question:**

In the 2005-2006 Supplementary Estimates hearing, CSIRO has stated “*CSIRO believes that it is a consultative organisation and that gauging the views of stakeholders via Sector Advisory Councils, Flagship Advisory Committee, seminars and workshops...is important.*”

The National Farmer’s Federation commented in a media release in response to CSIRO’s Investment Decisions for 2006/07:

*“NFF is also concerned about CSIRO’s suggestion that industry organisations were consulted in the strategic investment process, neither NFF, or our key commodity members with an interest in wool and livestock, were invited to comment on the strategic directions.” (NFF news release- “CSIRO must lose its focus on farmers”)*

Why was the NFF not consulted by CSIRO in the formulation of research priorities for 2006/07? What key stakeholders in this area were consulted?

#### **Answer:**

*CSIRO has provided the following response.*

*Science Investment Process Consultation*

See full response to E751\_06.