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Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

Flagship Program

Dr Sandlands claims that "research carried out in the flagships is in fact carried out within divisions."

What exactly does this mean?

Does this mean that Flagship research programmes are carried out under the management of divisional chiefs, as is implied, or does it really mean that Flagship programmes and funds are really managed by Flagship managers but that without new laboratories and other facilities divisional facilities have to be used?

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

Flagship Program

There was no implication, intended or otherwise, that Flagship research was carried out under the management of divisional Chiefs. Flagships are research programs aimed at addressing major national challenges. They do this by developing and managing research programs in collaboration with a wide range of partners. CSIRO Divisions provide much of the capability (both human and physical research infrastructure) necessary to undertake the required research activities of the Flagship and as such receive funding for this research from the Flagship programs.