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Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

Flagship Program

In BAAll it was estimated that some 15% of the \$305m (ie about \$45m) that was provided for the Flagship Programme would be set aside to support collaborators from the University Sectors. Dr Garrett mentioned a figure of \$45m being set aside for the Flagship University Collaboration Programme in CSIRO's statement which accompanied BAAll. However, a later media release by Minister Julie Bishop set the figure at \$97m for the Flagship Collaboration Programme. Was this new money or was it expected to come from the initial allocation of \$305m?

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

Flagship Program

The Flagship Collaboration Fund consists of \$97 million over seven years to enhance collaboration between the Flagships and the broader Australian research community, particularly universities. This \$97 million is part of the overall funding of \$305 million for the Flagship initiative announced in May 2004.