

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

**SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome: CSIRO
Output Group: CSIRO

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Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

Vouchers

There has been some speculation recently that the idea of vouchers has been raised with CSIRO. The idea put to me is that the government would approve vouchers for, say, \$5000 or \$10,000 for individuals or companies that could be used to commission work from CSIRO. Have you heard anything about such an idea? If so, what are precise details of the suggestion? Where did this idea come from?

What is CSIRO's evaluation of this idea?

What analysis of such a proposal has CSIRO undertaken?

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

Vouchers

CSIRO has heard of the idea of vouchers being made available to industry and community organisations to enable them to access services from public sector research organisations. However, the suggestion did not come from within CSIRO and has not been raised formally with the organisation. As such, CSIRO does not have any details.