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Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

National collections

CSIRO maintains 11 national collections. Where are these collections located? What is the budget for each of these collections?

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response:

National collections

CSIRO manages a portfolio of biological collections which were developed for various research and related purposes. Four of these collections make up the scientifically and nationally significant CSIRO National Biological Collections which the organisation manages on behalf of the Australian Government. There are other collections of flora and fauna in CSIRO developed for various research and related purposes the more significant of which include the Australian Tree Seed Centre, the CSIRO Collection of Living Microalgae, the Wood-inhabiting fungi collection, the Dadswell Memorial Wood Collection and the CSIRO Mycology Herbarium.

The National Biological Collections, their location and budgets are as follows:

Collection	Location	2006/07 budget
Australian National Wildlife Collection	Gungahlin, Canberra	\$1,822,422
Australian National Insect Collection	Black Mountain, Canberra	\$2,891,000
Australian National Herbarium*	Black Mountain, Canberra	\$5,404,293
Australian National Fish Collection	Hobart	\$412,949

*The Australian National Herbarium is a joint venture between CSIRO and the Department of Environment and Water Resources, so information provided includes Departmental funding.