

**EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING**

**SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
2006-2007 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING**

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

**DEST Question No. E879\_07**

Senator Carr provided in writing.

**Question:**

Conferences

What formal process does CSIRO have of evaluating the contribution conference attendance makes to the organisation? For example, do you keep a record of whether papers are key note addresses or similar presentations or whether they are workshop presentations or the like?

**Answer:**

CSIRO has provided the following response.

*Conferences*

Conferences are part of CSIRO's core business of imparting scientific knowledge and interchanging ideas. Determination of the value of conference attendance is best made at the Divisional level where the science is being carried out and as such CSIRO does not have a formal process for evaluating the contribution of conference attendance to the organisation.