

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: CSIRO
Output Group: CSIRO

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Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

National collections

Please provide a table showing the use of each of the collections, including internal CSIRO staff use, external professional use and the number of visitors over the past four years?

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

National collections

The tables below summarises the use of each CSIRO's National Biological Collections. Note the types of usage data compiled by each of the collections vary and the tables reflect this variation.

Australian National Fish Collection

	2002/2003	2003/2004	2004/2005	2005/2006
CSIRO core staff use*	2.95	2.95	2.95	2.95
Non-CSIRO research use – no. loans out (no. specimens)	25 (632)	20 (109)	11 (77)	25 (175)
Non-CSIRO research use – no. loans in (no. specimens)	7 (198)	11(79)	15 (182)	9 (56)
Non-CSIRO research use – enquiries – data, images and genetic samples	ca. 350	ca. 350	ca. 400	ca. 450
Research visitors	8+	10+	14+	8+
Other visitors	NA	48+	46+	33+

* Records are not kept of other CSIRO staff using the collection however it is estimated to be about 50 per annum for this period

Australian National Herbarium

	No. visitors	No. of tours (no. people)	Specimen data requests/web hits	ID enquires	General enquires (minimum)*
2003	105	8 (50)	38, web hits n/a	131	15
2004	79	17 (131)	25, web hits 8,048,000	124	31
2005	183	11 (33+)	26, web hits 10,766,000	140	26
2006	349	25 (227)	44, web hits 12,182,000	98	30

* This is only one staff member's log of general herbarium requests not dealt within ID and data enquires.

Australian National Wildlife Collection

	No. visitors	No. of tours	Specimen data requests	Specimen Identification inquires	General Inquires (minimum)*
2003	120	41 (331)	60, web hits 186,674	5	56
2004	69	27 (244)	94, web hits 184,334	3	63
2005	76	25 (261)	74, web hits 302,234	10	65
2006	64	21 (126)	56, web hits 334,275	6	51

* ANWC public exhibition at CSIRO Discovery has been seen by 216,000 students/adults in last five year

Australian National Insect Collection

	No. visitors	No. of tours	Specimen data requests web hits	ID enquires	General enquires
2003	n/a	n/a	687,400	31	
2004	n/a	n/a	785,600	20+	
2005	c. 250 visitor days	17	864,160	5+	
2006	c. 285 visitor days	n/a	982,000	12	512

The table over the page summarises the loans of material into and out of CSIRO's National Biological Collections from 2001/02 to 2005/06.

Loan movement through CSIRO's National Biological Collections from 2001/02 to 2005/06 (Australian National Wildlife Collection (ANWC), Australian National Insect Collection (ANIC), Australian National Herbarium (ANH), Australian National Fish Collection (ANFC)).

	2001/2002				2002/2003				2003/2004				2004/2005				2005/06			
	ANWC	ANIC	ANFC	ANH	ANWC	ANIC	ANFC	ANH	ANWC	ANIC	ANFC	ANH	ANWC	ANIC	ANFC	ANH	ANWC	ANIC	ANFC	ANH
Outloans																				
<i>Dispatches</i>	80	45	18	62	59	57	11	59	81	49	25	61	86	46	20	56	61	52	7	45
<i>Specimens</i>	902	7443	92	6982	1176	10,261	77	4415	644	4510	632	6878	1035	8102	109	4807	1176	10,261	77	4415
Inloans																				
<i>Dispatches</i>	27		12	61	22		15	56	45		7	74	34		11	86	26			53
<i>Specimens</i>	421		125	7652	295		182	2916	603		198	3561	739		79	9611	572			3933