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**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:

Growing of rice

What action was taken by CSIRO to undo the damage to the rice industry's image caused by this incorrect information?

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

Release of information on water consumption and rice growing

CSIRO staff contacted the rice industry organisation Sunrice immediately to discuss the report and the incorrect figures, and to advise that it was being addressed. Simultaneously, CSIRO issued a media release to correct the figure. Journalists were also briefed off air. CSIRO staff conducted numerous interviews to explain the mistake and correction. Senior CSIRO staff also met with rice industry representatives to brief them on the action that had been taken.