

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

**SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE – QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
2003-2004 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING**

Outcome: CSIRO
Output Group: CSIRO

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Senator Carr asked on 4 June 2003.

Question:

- (a) If you had approved 260 days research time and now will be undertaking only 176, a reduction of more than 30%, what research has been abandoned or deferred?
- (b) In fact, even if you add the National Facility and Charter days together, you still don't even reach your original promise of 180 national facility research days. How do you explain this dramatic reduction?

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

Southern Surveyor – time at sea

- (a) CSIRO has not approved 260 days research time at sea. CSIRO has historically scheduled, and will continue to provide, an average of 180 days per annum as the National Facility. The CSIRO, GA and NOO consortium will jointly fund up to 80 days of research charter time.
- (b) There is no reduction.