

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) On a related matter, could you provide an update on anticipated losses, redeployments and redundancies?
- (b) How many redundancies or job losses are anticipated in the Corporate Business and Commercialisation unit in the next year?

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

Anticipated Redeployments and Redundancies

- (a) Over the coming 2003/04 year, CSIRO anticipates potential staff redundancies to be in the order of 250, slightly higher than the previous six year average (ending 30 June 2002) of 220 per year. Definitive outcomes for each Division cannot be confirmed at this stage until the portfolio of research projects is realigned, staffing contributions to the Flagships programs have been finalised and redeployment options are exhausted for any potentially redundant staff. However, with new appointments, total CSIRO staff numbers are expected to remain relatively constant over the coming year.
- (b) Noting that some of the staff in the Corporate Business and Commercialisation group are on fixed-term contracts, presently there are no planned redundancies or job losses anticipated during the next year.