

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

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

#### **DEST Question No. E228\_04**

Senator Carr asked on 4 June 2003.

#### **Question:**

From answers provided after February's estimates hearings, it is evident that expenditure on your Corporate Business and Commercialisation unit has risen 78% in the past year.

Is this Corporate Business and Commercialisation unit subject to the same requirements as CSIRO research divisions: that is, that it must raise a significant percentage of its revenue in order to conduct its own operations?

In other words, is this unit's budget fully funded out of appropriations, or is some of its work contingent on raising additional revenue?

#### **Answer:**

CSIRO has provided the following response.

#### *Revenue generation*

In 2001/02, CSIRO expenditure on Corporate Business and Commercialisation (including salary and non-salary components) was \$5.747m and it is estimated to be \$10.419m in 2002/03. The expenditure budgets for the Corporate Business Development and Commercialisation group are set as part of the Organisation's normal accounting practices and the group is funded from appropriation sources. Revenue targets, and receipt of revenues from business development and commercialisation activities (including those to which the Corporate Business development and Commercialisation group has contributed) are recognised at a Divisional level. However, where the Corporate Business Development and Commercialisation group itself provides services to an external client, it receives that revenue and, in 2002/03, it has received \$0.241M of external revenue for services provided to external clients.