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

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Senator Carr asked on 4 June 2003.

Question:

You indicated to the Committee that “we will be reviewing our flagship objectives and progress on a regular basis...they are dependant on performance and meeting objectives”

What specific targets, objectives and performance measures have been set for this flagship?

Please provide equivalent information for all Flagships?

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

Light Metals Flagship and all Flagships

The Light Metals Flagship will be measured against the program performance framework that is being evolved for each Flagship. This document is referred to in E233_04.

Documents prepared in accordance with CSIRO's program performance framework show:

- the structure of the research programs and the relationship between the individual projects and the Flagship mission (strategic alignment diagram);
- the phasing of the Flagship activities (Flagship roadmap); and
- broad milestones/deliverables and the expected timing of their delivery (thematic roadmaps).

These documents are included in the business plans for Energy Transformed (Section 2 and Appendix 5), Agrifood Top 5 (Sections 2.2, 2.3, 2.4 and 3.4) and Wealth from Oceans (Sections 2.5 and 3.4) attached to E230_04.

The documents are attached separately for Healthy Country, Light Metals and Preventative Health. In addition, these Flagships have had time to develop draft performance plans (since they were funded in November 2002). These plans identify stream-level annual performance goals by which the progress of the Flagships will be assessed. These plans are part of the program performance framework documents. The Directors of the Agrifood Top 5 and Energy Transformed Flagships have been asked to bring a performance plan to the August Flagship Oversight Committee meeting.

Again, it is important to recognise that the program performance documents continue to evolve as the research plans evolve.