

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: CSIRO
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Senator Carr asked on 4 June 2003.

Question:

For the past decade, the former DSIR in New Zealand, now broken up into nine Crown Research Institutes, has have been forced to operate on commercial models, with the Institutes acting as commercial companies designed to meet profit targets.

Have you monitored the progress of these Institutes?

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

DSIR New Zealand

CSIRO has not formally monitored the progress of these Institutes. Through people connections, we are, however, aware of developments. We are also aware of the *Appraisal of Crown Research Institutes 1992-2002* prepared by the Ministry of Research, Science and Technology with assistance from the Crown Company Monitoring Advisory Unit; and the 26 July 2002 *Briefing to the incoming Minister for Crown Research Institutes* prepared by the Crown Company Monitoring Advisory Unit.