

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE – QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2004-2005 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: CSIRO
Output Group: - CSIRO

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Senator Stott Despoja provided in writing.

Question:

If the Commonwealth funding for the CSIRO flagships programme was removed, what are the estimated appropriations for CSIRO up to 2007-08 when adjusted into constant dollars? What would be the annual allocation from this amount to each CSIRO division over the same period?

Answer:

Flagships Programme

The table below shows the expected breakdown of total appropriation and Flagship appropriation (as well as the difference in nominal and real terms) for each year over the period in question. However, it is important to note that Flagship appropriation is spent in Divisions to carry out the relevant research.

The estimated total value of Commonwealth appropriation resources to be invested in the Flagship initiative over the four year period 2004/05 to 2007/08 is approximately \$555m. This will represent approximately 25% of total expected Commonwealth appropriation resources to CSIRO by the end of the period in question. This is in line with CSIRO's strategy.

While Flagships have prepared business plans covering the period to 2007-8, there is currently no distribution of funding across Divisions for the same period, as allocations to Divisions will be made on a theme by theme basis over time.

	Forecast 2003/04	Budget 2004/05	Business Plans		
			2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Total Appropriation Funding	\$568.60	\$576.50	\$590.40	\$603.60	\$622.30
Flagship Appropriation Funding	\$79.10	\$117.70	\$133.90	\$149.90	\$153.40
Appropriation Funding less Flagships	\$489.50	\$458.80	\$456.50	\$453.70	\$468.90
Adjusted in Constant dollars (03/04)	\$489.50	\$449.62	\$438.24	\$426.48	\$431.39