

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

### SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE – QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2005-2006 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

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

#### DEST Question No. E210\_06

Senator Carr provided in writing.

#### Question:

- (a) Where will the merged Division be located?
- (b) Will the new site be owned by CSIRO or leased?
- (c) At what cost?
- (d) What is planned for the existing sites of the current Marine and Atmospheric Research Divisions?
- (e) Will they be sold or leased?
- (f) What is the revenue expected from selling or leasing the sites?

#### Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

#### *Merger of Atmospheric Research and Marine Research – locations*

- (a) The merged CSIRO Division of Marine and Atmospheric Research (CMAR) is located at five (5) locations - Hobart (Tas), Aspendale (Vic), Cleveland (Qld), Floreat (WA) and Black Mountain (ACT). The Division also has a presence at the Bureau of Meteorology premises in Melbourne. No change in the number of locations has resulted from the merger of the two Divisions (CSIRO Marine Research and CSIRO Atmospheric Research).
- (b) All of the existing five locations are owned by CSIRO.  
  
Irrespective of any Division mergers, CSIRO is progressively implementing a strategy to achieve the most effective use of its infrastructure investment around Australia through consolidation of sites and co-location with universities and other research institutions.
- (c) The merger of the two CSIRO Divisions has not incurred any additional property costs. CSIRO owns the sites on which CMAR is located and no lease agreements or associated costs are involved.
- (d) The CMAR-occupied sites at Hobart, Floreat and Black Mountain are planned for long term retention by CSIRO and will continue to operate for research purposes.

Major building refurbishment works were approved for the Hobart site by the CSIRO Board in 2004. This work is planned to be completed in stages by mid 2008.

The Aspendale site will, after CMAR relocates to CSIRO Clayton in 2009, be sold on the open market on a vacant possession basis.

The Cleveland site will be retained for at least five years, with any change or relocation dependent upon the completion of a strategy currently being evaluated for consolidation of CSIRO's Queensland site.

- (e) All existing CMAR locations will be retained under CSIRO ownership with the exception of the Aspendale site planned for sale in 2009.
- (f) Projected revenue from the sale of the Aspendale site is \$4million which will be retained by CSIRO and used to offset the capital cost of the new facilities at Clayton.