

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: CSIRO
Output Group: CSIRO

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Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

Please provide details for each Division of the following:

In line with strategic directions, how many staff is CSIRO planning to move or transfer to other research areas and/or geographical locations, voluntarily and involuntarily, over the next three years?

Please include details of how many staff in each research area in each Division, geographical locations, and research vs. non-research breakdowns.

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

Staff moves or transfers over next 3 years

CSIRO has developed and is implementing a strategy to achieve the most effective use of its infrastructure investment via consolidation of sites and co-location with universities and other research institutions. Planned relocations and affected staff numbers for the period from July 2005 to July 2008 are provided in the table below.

Division	Current site	New site	Research Scientists (current)	Other staff (current)	Relocation date
Sustainable Ecosystems	Gungahlin, ACT	Atherton/Cairns, Qld	2	5	Prior to April 2006
Manufacturing & Infrastructure Technology	Preston, Vic	Clayton, Vic	12	38	Prior to December 2006
Corporate	Blackburn Road, Vic	Clayton, Vic		17	Prior to December 2006

Note that two other relocations, the consolidation of the sites at Hihett and Aspendale at Clayton, are already planned but will not take place until 2009.

In addition to site consolidation, movement from one research area to another regularly occurs in CSIRO as part of the normal business processes. This may involve small numbers of staff being asked to transfer both intra and inter city. CSIRO also accommodates requests by staff to transfer for personal reasons where this meets our operational needs.