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

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Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

The Minister for Education's media release of 10 May 2005, titled "\$68.5 MILLION FOR NEW FACILITIES AT CSIRO," stated: "Consolidating the two CSIRO Divisions at Clayton will promote more collaborative research and reduce current operating costs."

What is the total projected financial cost of this relocation? What are the projected financial savings of this co-location?

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

Co-location of Divisions at Clayton – costs

CSIRO's Marine and Atmospheric Research (CMAR) Division will be relocated from Aspendale to CSIRO's site at Clayton. CSIRO's Manufacturing and Infrastructure Technology (CMIT) Highett resources and activities will also be consolidated at Clayton.

The new facilities for the CMAR Division will cost \$16 million of which \$4m will be funded from the projected revenue from the sale of the Aspendale site. The relocation of CMIT from Highett to Clayton will cost \$26 million of which \$12m will be funded from the projected revenue from the sale of the Highett site.

CSIRO Marine and Atmospheric Research will realise significant operational efficiencies, cost savings and enhanced research synergies through collocation with other CSIRO Divisions on the Clayton site and with Monash University. The operational cost savings from the relocation are expected to be \$400,000 per annum.

The consolidation from Highett to Clayton will enable CMIT to realise significant operational efficiencies, cost savings and enhanced research synergies through consolidation of its research activities on one site and through co-location with other CSIRO Divisions on the Clayton site and with Monash University. The operational cost savings from the relocation is expected to be \$500,000 per annum.