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**SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE – QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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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."

Will the consolidation of Atmospheric Research and Manufacturing and Infrastructure Technology Divisions lead to staff losses?

If so, how many and in what areas?

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

Co-location of divisions at Clayton

No staff reductions are planned, however the consolidation of the two Divisions on the Clayton site is expected to result in more efficient provision of infrastructure and other support to research. It is expected that if there are reductions required in the number of support staff positions, these changes will occur over time, allowing for natural attrition and redeployment.