

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: CSIRO
Output Group: CSIRO

DEST Question No. E229_06

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

What is the current public launch date of the new website?
What is the internal launch date?
Are any further delays anticipated with the launch?
What is the total cost to date for the new website?

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

CSIRO's Information Architecture and Website

As answered by Dr Garrett in Hansard on 1 June 2005 EWRE62, 'We (CSIRO) do not have a date yet. We need the team to come up with a date. It will certainly be within the course of months or so, but I am not going to be pinned down to that one because I need the team to do that work.'

As part of the implementation of the CSIRO web strategy, it was always intended that development of a unified CSIRO website would be a staged process and that full completion of both the underlying architecture/infrastructure and the content would take several years to complete.

CSIRO are looking to completely change the way in which external stakeholders engage with the organisation. As a result, the project deals with complexities associated with not only the technical and business components of the project (i.e. rationalisation of over 250 websites into one unified web presence, consistent look and feel of the web site, standard platform for delivering CSIRO's web presence, web site design) but also the cultural implications of the delivery (i.e. how users approach the web site, education on use and content creation, content workflow, story management, etc).

Notwithstanding these complexities, the website was launched internally on 1 June 2005, and the project schedule for the external launch is currently being updated; delays in the public launch are not anticipated.

As answered by Dr Garrett in Hansard on 1 June 2005 EWRE62, the total cost of the web site is still \$9.47 million.