

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: CSIRO
Output Group: CSIRO

DEST Question No. E430_06

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

The Minister for Education announced a \$97 million Flagships Collaboration Fund.

- a) Is this new money?
- b) Has this money been redirected from other areas within DEST? If so please list which sources and how much money has come from each source to CSIRO.
- c) Has it been simply been earmarked within the regular appropriations funds normally given to CSIRO?

Senator Carr asked a similar question of Dr Garrett, CSIRO CEO, on 1 June 2005, EWRE Hansard page 73: "Is the \$97 million new appropriation moneys?" Dr Garrett stated "That is correct".

Answer:

Flagship Collaboration Fund

- a) Yes. On 6 May 2004 the Prime Minister announced a new package, *Backing Australia's Ability – Building our Future through Science and Innovation*. Under the package the Australian Government is providing CSIRO with an additional \$305 million over seven years, from 2004-05, for the National Research Flagship program. The \$97 million Flagship Collaboration Fund is an element of the National Research Flagship program and funded out of the \$305 million provided for this program.
- b) No.
- c) No.