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**SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
2006-2007 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING**

Outcome: CSIRO

Output Group: CSIRO

DEST Question No. E207_07

Senator Siewert provided in writing.

Question:

What records and costs were associated with:

- Strategic research into volcanic ash detection?
- Research into GbIRD?
- Research into AHDS?

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

G-bIRD

The costs associated with the long term strategic research that was aimed at developing models and instruments for remote sensing studies of surface exchange of solar and terrestrial radiation, from which the G-bIRD technology arose, were \$2.98 million over the period 1 July 1997 – 30 June 2002.

It is not possible to state the costs of the research in relation to volcanic ash detection, as this is not identified as a separate research activity in the financial records of this project. See the response to DEST question number E941_06.