

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: 3

Output Group: 3.2 Assistance for collaboration and innovation

DEST Question No. E390_07

Senator Wong provided in writing.

Question:

- (1) Please provide the full list of the major national research facilities and how much funding has gone to each since the inception of the program.
- (2) Will the facilities continue to be funded through NCRIS?
- (3) Which ones are expected to receive continuing funding and how much?
- (4) Will any of them shut down as a result of the discontinuation of the funding?
- (5) Has the Government contacted universities and research institutions to organize continuing funding for any of them?
- (6) Is this going to happen and for which ones?

Answer:

Funding for Major National Research Facilities

- (1) The table at Attachment 1 provides a list of all MNRFs and their funding allocations from the MNRF Program.
- (2) Continued funding for MNRFs under the NCRIS program is subject to them being identified as priority areas for investment within one of the capabilities.
- (3) See answer (2) and (5).
- (4) The Department has no firm information on the likely position of MNRFs following the completion of the MNRF Program.
- (5) Six MNRFs have been provided with one-off funding for the period 30 June 2006 to 31 March 2007 to enable them to retain their current level of function (including key staff) pending the completion of NCRIS investment plans and approval of NCRIS funding.
- (6) See list at Attachment 1.

MNRF PROGRAMME FUNDING ALLOCATIONS

2001 MNRFs	MNRF Grant (\$m)
Australian Synchrotron Research Program	14.800
Australian Proteome Analysis Facility	16.250
Australian Genome Research Facility	14.000
MNRF Division of the Australian Stem Cell Centre	5.500
National Neuroscience Facility	18.000
Australian Phenomics Facility	11.500
The Bandwidth Foundry	9.500
Nanostructural Analysis Network Organisation	11.500
Gemini and Square Kilometre Array	23.500
Provisor - (formerly the National Wine Industry Research Cluster)	4.500
National Networked Tele Test Facility	4.990
International Livestock Resources and Information Centre	4.500
Australian Computational Earth Systems Simulator	5.382
Australian Maritime Hydrodynamic Research Centre	5.205
Arafura - Timor Research Facility	3.510
TOTAL	152.637

ONE-OFF FUNDING FROM NCRIS TO MNRFs

MNRF	NCRIS 2005-06 One-Off Grant (\$m)
Australian Proteome Analysis Facility	1.000
Australian Genome Research Facility	0.563
National Neuroscience Facility	0.975
Australian Phenomics Facility	1.302
The Bandwidth Foundry	0.600
Australian Computational Earth Systems Simulator	0.760
TOTAL	5.200