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

**Outcome:** CSIRO

**Output Group:** CSIRO

**DEST Question No. E432\_07**

Senator Wong provided in writing.

**Question:**

Does CSIRO have a policy, an approach, or any guiding principles in order to pursuing and protecting IP revenue? What is it and please provide details.

**Answer:**

*CSIRO has provided the following response.*

*CSIRO's approach to IP revenue protection*

Objective 6.2 of the Strategic Plan 2003-07 is to “proactively manage patent and equity portfolios to multiply IP-based revenue streams”, in order to generate a steady and growing stream of returns to reinvest into research. The approach includes: identifying patents in the portfolio for licensing or sale; auditing of licenses and licensee compliance; realising value from spin-off equity holdings; and assertion action where appropriate.