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

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Senator Wong provided in writing.

Question:

31 May 2006, EWRE, p.7:

Senator WONG—So the first legal action, the CSIRO-initiated one, has been fought for over a year. There was no adjustment, was there, in the additional estimates round?

Mr Whelan—Senator, we actually did seek to adjust our forecast in the additional estimates round, but they were not published because we were not seeking additional appropriation revenues. So they were not incorporated into the portfolio additional estimates statement. But we did provide updated figures to the department of finance as part of the additional estimates.

Senator WONG—They were not included in the PAES?

Mr Whelan—No, because there was no change to the appropriation revenues. It is not a decision taken by CSIRO, Senator.

Senator WONG—Sure, but that is not the only purpose of ensuring there are accurate figures, is it—to seek more money from the parliament?

Mr Whelan—I am not in a position to debate it with you, Senator. It was not a decision made by CSIRO.

Senator WONG—Okay.

What was DOFA's response? Please provide documentation to support this.

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

Financial statements – additional estimates

DoFA accepted changes to estimates based on information incorporated into AIMS.