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

Outcome: CSIRO
Output Group: CSIRO

DEST Question No. E439_07

Senator Wong provided in writing.

Question:

Regarding the following comments made by CSIRO at Estimates:

31 May 2006, EWRE, p.7:

Senator WONG—*I am a little confused about one thing. Since the 2004-05 PBS, estimates of revenue from the goods and services line item have declined by over \$260 million over the three-year period of 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08. I note that in the PBS, I think, in 2004-05, you did not separately itemise royalties.*

Mr Whelan—*I do not have the 2004-05 figures in front of me. But I think, as we have discussed previously, probably the major factor in 2004-05 was that we withdrew from the forward estimates any revenue associated with joint ventures because we were not able to bring those to account as CSIRO revenue. But that is not a factor in any change as far as 2005-06 estimates are concerned.*

Please account fully for the change in estimates for Revenue from Goods & Services from the 2004-05 PBS to 2006-07 PBS. Please provide a breakdown and full explanation for the approximately \$260 million difference.

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

Revenue from Goods & Services

CSIRO adjusts estimates for revenue items based on its up-to-date knowledge of likely outcomes. Please refer to E931_06 from February 2006 Additional Estimates.