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Senator Wong provided in writing.

Question:

Regarding the following comments made by CSIRO at Estimates:

31 May 2006, EWRE, p.11:

Dr Sandland—*When we set up the flagship program, we set up something that was unique in Australian science. It was tackling a number—six—of Australia’s largest challenges and doing so in a way that involved cross-cutting science across the whole organisation, with collaboration outside of the organisation. In order to actually set up a program like that, we established a number of governance mechanisms and a number of internal mechanisms, but it was a huge challenge for the organisation. It was, if you like, a flagship in itself to be able to take on these kinds of challenges, and we did not know precisely how the revenue would flow, because it was doing business in a completely different way. **I think as we went through the early years of the flagships we nevertheless expected that ramp-up in external revenue to occur, but what did emerge was that our partners—and we have many partners with the flagship**—decided to make those kinds of investments themselves, and we are talking about this large amount of \$30 million. That is why I say the most important thing is actually achieving our goals. Yes, I understand that it may be frustrating that in terms of predicting external revenue-*

Please list CSIRO’s partners in each flagship at present.

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

Flagship partners and collaborators

A list of partners and collaborators can be found in the recently released publication “Improving lives through partnership”, pages 8 and 9. The brochure can also be downloaded from <http://www.csiro.au/csiro/content/file/pfev...html>.