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

Outcome: CSIRO
Output Group: CSIRO

DEST Question No. E458_07

Senator Wong provided in writing.

Question:

31 May 2006, EWRE, p.8:

Senator WONG—*But the fact is, in terms of your external income, you have a \$21 million gap between budgeted and actual earnings for 2005-06.*

Mr Whelan—*That is a different matter. If you want to understand the reason why the forecast revenue for 2005-06 is different to the estimate, the first factor is lower IP revenue; the second factor is lower interest; the third factor is slightly lower goods and services revenue—a mixture of consulting revenue being under budget and a mixture of flagship revenue being under budget.*

What part of the \$59.4 million difference in Revenue from Goods and Services between the 200506 PBS and 200607 PBS is attributable to lower than expected flagships revenue?
What part is attributable to lower consulting revenue than was expected in last year's PBS?

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

Consulting revenue

CSIRO estimated \$61.8m in flagship revenue in 2005-06 estimates. Actual flagship revenue for 2005-06 was \$42.1m (\$26.8m external revenue and \$15.3m in-kind contributions). The 2006-07 estimates assume that \$39.8m will be earned in external Flagship revenue, approximately \$40m below an earlier estimate of \$81m. The \$39.8m figure does not include expected in-kind contributions of approximately \$15m.

CSIRO has not assumed any reduction in consulting revenue.