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

Outcome: CSIRO
Output Group: CSIRO

DEST Question No. E460_07

Senator Wong provided in writing.

Question:

Regarding the following comments made by CSIRO at Estimates:

31 May 2006, EWRE, p.10:

***Dr Garrett**—And if we look over that history, just to give you additional facts, in 2000-01, the total revenue was \$761 million; in 2004-05, it was \$892 million. That is 130 million new dollars spent on science. If you look at our deficit figures over the last five years—*

What proportion of the “130 million new dollars” was spent on actual research projects? How much was spent on corporate, research support, senior management and other non-research areas?

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

Corporate Expenditure

Data is not available on corporate, “non-research” costs incurred in 2000-01. Data is available in more recent years with an ongoing reduction in corporate costs. In 2004-05, corporate costs were \$188.8m, in 2005-06 corporate costs were \$181.5m, and in 2006-07 corporate costs are estimated to be \$175.3m. Any additional funding is therefore being used on CSIRO’s research areas.