

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: CSIRO

Output Group: CSIRO

DEST Question No. E470_07

Senator Wong provided in writing.

Question:

31 May 2006, EWRE, p.13:

Senator WONG—*Without trying to put too fine a point on it, we have your office with annual costs of over \$1 million, with various components of that remuneration being housing, travel et cetera. Do you think the public and the organisation are getting value for money?*

Dr Garrett—*I think it must come back to what we are delivering. Looking at what this organisation is achieving, we have had 12 independent external reviews of our divisions in the last two years—independent international panels looking at the quality of our science and the impact of what we deliver—and we are shortly to release a flagship performance review, a copy of which we will obviously make sure you get at a very early stage. We want to be judged by the outputs of that program.*

What was the cost of each review, including costs of staff support from CSIRO?

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

Divisional Reviews

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| CSIRO Entomology | \$53,978 |
| CSIRO Industrial Physics | \$45,034 |
| CSIRO Minerals | \$67,819 |
| Food Science Australia / Health Sciences and Nutrition | \$58,393 |
| CSIRO Molecular Science / Health Sciences and Nutrition | \$32,330 |
| CSIRO Atmospheric Research/ Marine Research | \$97,857 |
| CSIRO Sustainable Ecosystems | \$65,254 |
| CSIRO Livestock Industries | \$52,785 |
| CSIRO Land and Water | \$72,362 |
| CSIRO Mathematical and Information Sciences | Review held May/June 2006. Expenses still to be finalised |
| CSIRO Energy Technology | Review held June 2006. Expenses still to be finalised |
| CSIRO Exploration and Mining | Review held June 2006. Expenses still to be finalised |