

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: CSIRO

Output Group: CSIRO

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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.*

Where consultants involved, what was the cost of the consultancy?

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

Flagship Performance Review

The engagement of review panel members was not via a consultancy agreement.