

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

**Outcome:** CSIRO

**Output Group:** CSIRO

#### DEST Question No. E481\_07

Senator Wong provided in writing.

31 May 2006, EWRE, p.13:

**Dr Garrett**—*Yes. As I think we talked about last time, Senator, we have over the last 18 months implemented a major review process in our science investment process around the appropriate investment of our parliamentary appropriation resources. We tabled the broad direction-setting document under cover of a question on notice last time and it indicates the trends of some of the areas that are growing and some of the areas that are staying the same and a couple of areas that we are pulling back on. So there will be shifts in our overall science portfolio as we go forward, but overall we are looking at net growth in science, as Mike has indicated.*

Can CSIRO now provide an update on which research projects will be provided with extra revenue, which will be reduced and which will be cut altogether? What are the amounts?

**Answer:**

CSIRO has provided the following response.

#### *Science Investment Process*

As investment decisions are made at the Theme level it is not possible to draw a direct linkage between Theme level investment decisions and specific funding to individual research projects because project funding varies from year to year in accord with the nature of the work being undertaken.