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

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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.*

At Estimates, CSIRO has said that some staff reductions are expected as part of the SIP. Which Divisions will see staff cuts? How many of these scientists?

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

Science Investment Process

The Science Investment Process is only one factor that influences changes to staff numbers; therefore it is not possible to give definitive figures.