

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.

The Department of Environment's Environment Budget Overview 2005-06 provides the information below. Please explain why the Department of Environment is reducing funding to CSIRO for some projects. Will these projects be affected as a result? Is CSIRO or anyone else substitute funding? What projects will be affected or cut entirely?

Appendix 1

Division/Agency	Description	2004– 05 \$m	2005– 06 \$m	2006– 07 \$m	2007– 08 \$m	2008– 09 \$m
Climate Change						
CSIRO	Understanding & responding to climate change & variability	35.8	24.5	25.1	-	-
CSIRO	Improved water allocation & management, including in irrigation	34.0	23.0	23.6	-	-
CSIRO	Sustainable natural resource management	45.8	53.0	54.3	-	-
CSIRO	Sustainable marine fisheries	26.9	10.4	10.7	-	-
CSIRO	Healthy coastal rivers, estuaries & coastal zone	8.4	11.9	12.2	-	-
CSIRO	Marine Environment Prediction	-	5.1	5.2	-	-
CSIRO	Knowing, protecting & benefiting from ecosystems	46.8	26.0	26.6	-	-
CSIRO	Sustainable Cities	33.5	46.1	47.3	-	-
CSIRO	Indigenous livelihoods	-	1.8	1.8	-	-
CSIRO	Investing in sustainability	-	5.8	5.9	-	-

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

Department of Environment and Heritage Environment Budget Overview 2005-06

The data has been drawn from Table A1.1 (page 29) of the Department of Environment and Heritage's *Environment Budget Overview (EBO) 2005-06*, financial data for which was collated in the first quarter of 2005. The note preceding Table A1 states:

this table includes estimated budgets for programmes in a wide variety of Government Departments and Agencies outside the Environment and Heritage portfolio.

As such these data represent CSIRO's budgeted spend of appropriation dollars from triennium funding for 2004/05 and estimates for the 2005/06 and 2006/07 financial years. It does not include any Department of Environment and Heritage funding of CSIRO environmental research.