

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2007-2008 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome CSIRO

DEST Question No. E039_08

Senator Milne asked on 30 May 2007, EWRE Hansard page 55.

Question:

Mr Whelan – I can tell you that in 2005-06 the total funding the CSIRO received from the Australian private sector, which would include the mining sector, was \$73 million, out of a total external revenue figure of \$373 million – that is approximately 16 or 17 per cent or thereabouts.

Senator Milne – that is the total private sector but we do not know what percentage of that comes from the mining industry.

Mr Whelan – No, I would have to take that on notice.

Senator Milne – I particularly want to know how much comes from them – and I want to know the estimates actual for 2006-2007 as well.

Mr Whelan – I will not be able to provide you with the breakdown in the estimated actual. I could give you the actual year to date but we do not forecast by customer type.

Senator Milne – I would like to know by customer type for last year and actual to date for the mining industry and in particular the coal industry in relation to that.

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

Revenue

CSIRO does not classify its financial system data based on revenue from individual sectors (e.g. the mining sector). CSIRO can however provide total revenues from customers in the private sector that have provided funding of more than \$100,000 in a single financial year. The figures provided below are based on revenues from mining sector customers reviewed who have provided funding over \$100,000 in a single year.

Estimated funding that CSIRO received from the mining sector for research work was:

2005/06	\$15.8 million from Australian mining companies
	\$5.4 million from overseas mining companies
	\$7.9 million through mining related CRCs

2006/07 (to May 07)	\$11.2 million from Australian mining companies
	\$4.2 million from overseas mining companies
	\$8.3 million through mining related CRCs

For the subset of coal mining companies, the figures are as follows (which is included in the figures above):

2005/06	\$5.7 millionfrom Australian coal mining companies \$600,000from overseas coal mining companies
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2006/07 (to May 07)	\$4.2 millionfrom Australian coal mining companies \$1.0 millionfrom overseas coal mining companies
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The coal industry in a broader sense also includes the users of coal, mainly power stations. There are two CRCs from which CSIRO receives funding that perform research in that area (which is not included in the figures above):

2005/06	\$1.0 millionthrough energy from coal related CRCs
2006/07 (to May 07)	\$600,000through energy from coal related CRCs