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**SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE – QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome: CSIRO
Output Group: - CSIRO

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Senator Carr asked on 5 November 2003.

Question:

Isn't this is really about axing staff and funding in North Queensland?

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

Atherton Herbarium

No. CSIRO is not downgrading the level of its research effort in northern Queensland. As in every location where CSIRO works, it strives to be both cost-effective and to develop quality science programs delivering in the national interest, so it is to be expected that the nature of its research portfolio will continue to evolve accordingly.

Consolidation of the Herbarium collection in Canberra will ensure the future integrity and professional management of this important national resource.