

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

### SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE – QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2003-2004 SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES HEARING

**Outcome:** CSIRO  
**Output Group:** - CSIRO

#### **DEST Question No. E545\_04**

Senator Carr asked on 5 November 2003.

#### **Question:**

- a) What is the basis for calculating additional government funding of \$120 million between 2004-05 and 2006-07 that you list as "Potential Appropriation"?
- b) Have you had any indication from the Government that such funding will be made available?
- c) Is this your failed budget bid for this year recycled?

#### **Answer:**

CSIRO has provided the following response.

#### *Budget targets – Potential Appropriation*

- a) As stated on page 100 of the Strategic Plan, this is "the minimum level of appropriation revenue forecast by CSIRO as being necessary to fund increased ongoing investment in the Flagships Initiative".
- b) The Government has welcomed the Flagship initiative but CSIRO has received no indications related to funding. This will be subject to the Federal budget process.
- c) CSIRO does not believe we had a "failed budget bid" in the last year. Total appropriation increased, year on year, by 6.8% and \$20 million new money was allocated in support of the Flagships Programs in 2003-04. The bid is not "recycled" – it is a result of a careful evaluation of the resources needed to implement the Flagship Programs over the course of the next triennium.