

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

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

#### **DEST Question No. E547\_04**

Senator Carr asked on 5 November 2003.

#### **Question:**

- a) How do you expect to make savings of \$34 million a year by 2006-07? What areas will be targeted?
- b) Do you find it worrying that the savings for the three out years seem to be exactly equal to your anticipated operating deficit?  
Does that suggest to you that the level of savings has been determined just to make this table look good?

#### **Answer:**

CSIRO has provided the following response.

#### *Budget targets - Savings*

- a) CSIRO activities are located on 60 sites across Australia and support services are very decentralised. A 'one CSIRO' approach to support services is expected to lead to restructures of these services consistent with better practice in large multi sited organisations resulting in cost savings. In addition a more 'one- CSIRO' approach to purchasing will lead to more national contracts for the supply of goods and services where the purchasing power of the whole organisation rather than individual divisions or sites will lead to lower costs.
- b) No. In effect the revenue estimates plus the savings drive the expense estimates.