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

Outcome: CSIRO
Output Group: - CSIRO

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Senator Carr asked on 5 November 2003.

Question:

- a) What is the current lead-time for establishing major programs within CSIRO?
- b) When will you need to start committing funding and resources for programs identified for 2006-06 and 2006-07?

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

Budget targets – Lead Time for Major Projects

- a) There is no fixed lead time for development of major programs. Lead time for development of a major program can depend on a number of factors that vary from program to program. Some of these are:- level of interaction with partner research institutes, level of interaction with potential customers both private and public, need for new skills, need for new facilities and ability to free up existing resources.
- b) We will start identifying firm commitments of resources for programs in 2005/06 and beyond as soon as we have a decision regarding the level of government funding for these financial years.