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

Outcome: CSIRO
Output Group: - CSIRO

DEST Question No. E552_04

Senator Carr asked on 5 November 2003.

Question:

- a) According to this table, external revenue fell by 9% in the year to 2002-03, but you are now calculating unbroken annual gains of 8-10%, rising to nearly 13% in 2006-07. Similarly, IP revenue fell by about 20% in the same period, yet you are now calculating an average annual increase of nearly 50% over the next four years. To cap it off, you have added in \$120 million of potential appropriation revenue.

Are you now claiming that these calculations are solid enough to carry your major increases in expenditure?

- b) The previous strategy was over-optimistic: why is this one any better?

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

Budget targets – External Revenue Growth

- a) CSIRO will not commit to the planned expenses unless there is certainty around the associated revenues. CSIRO is planning a balanced operating result for each of the outyears in the Target financial scenario.
- b) See responses to E542_04 and E543_04.