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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:

On pages 137-138 of the Annual Report are listed CSIRO actual contributions to CRCs.

Are there any instances where the actual CSIRO contribution falls short of the cash and in-kind contribution committed to by CSIRO?

In other words, in what cases has CSIRO's contribution fallen short?

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

CRCs

In 5 cases CSIRO's actual 2002/03 contribution fell short of that committed due purely to timing issues:

- Australian Petroleum CRC
- CRC Pest Animal Control
- CRC Innovative Dairy Products
- CRC Tropical Plant Production
- CRC Sustainable Aquaculture of Finfish

In all 5 cases, CSIRO will meet its commitment to the CRC over its life.

[In some cases differences in the way in which CSIRO and individual CRCs calculate in-kind contributions result in apparent (but not substantive) differences between the amounts committed and contributed to CRCs.]

Of the 46 CRCs for which CSIRO was a core partner in 2002/03, there were twelve where CSIRO's actual contribution was greater than that committed.