

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

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

#### DEST Question No. E584\_04

Senator Carr asked on 5 November 2003.

#### Question:

- a) Has the budget for the Discovery Centre on Clunies Ross Drive been cut?
- b) By how much?
- c) What has been the reduction over the past three years?
- d) What is the future of the Discovery Centre in light of these cuts?

#### Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

#### *Discovery Centre*

- a) The budget for the Discovery Centre has remained relatively stable in recent years. The CSIRO appropriation contribution for the Discovery Centre was increased from \$0.3m per annum to \$0.6m per annum in August 2002. Below is a summary of the total expenditure for the centre, including CSIRO's appropriation contribution.

Year	Expenditure	CSIRO contribution
2001-02 Actual	\$1.164m	\$0.3m
2002-03 Actual	\$1.164m	\$0.6m
2003-04 Budget	\$1.089m	\$0.6m

- b) See above answer.
- c) See above answer.
- d) As with all areas of activity, there is ongoing review of the operations of the Discovery Centre. Future budgets will be based on issues such as the assessed effectiveness of the facility, taking into account the level of utilization and attendance figures.