

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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, EWRE Hansard page 53.

Question:

How much have you spent in the last three years ?

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

Consultancies

There is currently no definitive historical data available on the cost of management consultants engaged by CSIRO. The cost of management consultants are incorporated into a cost code that includes the costs of other professional services ie: legal and other non-management advisory services. \$20.3m was spent under this cost code in 2002/03. At this time there is no means of disaggregating this figure to determine the cost of management consultants. CSIRO is currently considering changes to its costing arrangements to facilitate more detailed analysis of contracted and consulting services more generally.

Recognising this issue, the following amounts have been charged to the cost code for Consulting and Professional Services over the last three years:

2000/01	\$28.9 million
2001/02	\$32.4 million
2002/03	\$20.3 million
2003/04 (to October 2003)	\$ 6.4 million