

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2005-2006 SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES HEARING

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Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

How much money has been allocated to date to the condition relating to collaborative activities with universities under the Flagship program?

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

Flagship Collaboration Fund

The Minister for Education, Science and Training announced the implementation of the Flagship Collaboration Fund in May 2005.

The value of activities recorded against the Collaboration Fund during 2004/5 was \$2.06m. The timing of the announcement of the Fund meant that it was not possible to allocate the full funding for the year, so this amount is less than the \$6m allocated for the Fund for that year. However, CSIRO has undertaken to invest the full \$96.8m provided for the Collaboration Fund by the end of the funding period (2010/11).

To date in 2005/6, the Collaboration Fund has funded 35 postgraduate scholarships and the first Visiting Fellowships have commenced. A number of project negotiations are close to conclusion, and the first round of cluster agreements are still being negotiated. A new postgraduate scholarship intake is due to commence early in 2006.