

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: CSIRO

Output Group: CSIRO

DEST Question No. E731_06

Senator Wong provided in writing.

Question:

What were the costs involved in obtaining revenue from consulting and research services for each year since 2000? Please provide relevant staff costs, administrative, legal and other costs involved.

What were the costs involved in obtaining revenue from intellectual property consulting and research services for each year since 2000? Please provide relevant staff costs, administrative, legal and other costs involved.

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

Costs involved in obtaining revenue from services and consulting and intellectual property

It is not possible to provide a detailed breakdown of these costs by revenue type. The costs associated with earning external revenue vary by revenue type because each has a different cost and pricing framework. As noted in the response to E730_06, the full cost of CSIRO's services and consulting activities are now covered by prices charged.

The development of particular intellectual property is the result of research and other inputs over various time frames. Therefore it is not possible to quantify the full costs associated with earning intellectual property revenues.