

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: CSIRO

Output Group: CSIRO

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Senator Wong provided in writing.

Question:

(a) The latest Annual report breaks down 'Sales of goods & services' into 'Sales of goods & services - external entities' and 'Sales of goods & services - related entities'.

What are the definitions of 'external' and 'related' entities?

(b) Please provide a breakdown of each organisation included in each category, including the amount of sales to each. Please list these since 2000.

(c) How does CSIRO explain a \$52 million drop in revenue from external entities?

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

Sales of goods and services

(a) The definition of 'related entities' covers all statutory bodies and their trading entities covered by the *Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997* as well as agencies covered by the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1999*, according to a list from the *Department of Finance and Administration*. 'External entities' are all other organisations that are not 'related entities'.

(b) CSIRO data is not held in this aggregated.

(c) In 2004/05, CSIRO conducted a review of its related party disclosure note to include all 'related entities' revenues, rather than just the revenue from material related entity customers. Due to the use of different criterion for the classification of revenue figures in 2005 as compared to 2004, between-year comparisons are not "like-for-like" comparisons, for each of the 'related entity' and 'external entities' categories.