

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: CSIRO

Output Group: CSIRO

DEST Question No. E738_06

Senator Webber provided in writing.

Question:

Can CSIRO explain the net increase in staff numbers in non-science activities in total across the organisation has gone up by 67 staff and in science activities by only 25 staff?

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

Staff Numbers

As explained in E737_06, commencements and cessations are not an accurate indicator of growth or contraction.

Staff directly involved with "science activities" numbered 4,247 as at 30 June 04 and 4,211 as at 30 June 05, a decrease of 36 or 0.55% of total staff over the year. All other staff numbered 2,327 and 2,365 respectively, an increase of 38 or 0.58%. (For data see tables included in the response to E744_06).

It should be noted that scientific staff include the following functional areas: Research Scientists, Research Projects, Research Consulting and Research Management.