

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

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Output Group: CSIRO

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Senator Wong provided in writing.

Question:

Is CSIRO introducing a new IT-based centralised system for support services to scientists in all 19 CSIRO Divisions across Australia?
What is the purpose of this?

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

SAP Systems

CSIRO is planning to implement the SAP enterprise systems platform to support its business processes across the organisation including finance, human resource management, project management, contract management, customer relationship management and reporting.

The SAP system will replace the majority of existing CSIRO business systems (approximately 120 systems across the organisation). Some key benefits include:

- o achievement of standardised business processes;
- o improved support for cross-divisional activities;
- o introduction of new functionality in areas such as support for occupational health and safety processes;
- o elimination of duplication of data; and
- o integration across business systems.