

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:

CSIRO listed a 20-30% cut in operational costs for research support services. Is this linked to a new IT-based centralised system for support services? Will there be a similar cut in other Divisions or functional areas? Please provide details including the timeline.

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

Support Services

The implementation of the SAP platform is not linked to the research support services initiative. The improved efficiency and effectiveness that is expected to be achieved through the SAP platform is intended to enhance research support services generally.