

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: CSIRO

Output Group: CSIRO

DEST Question No. E766_06

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

What was the annual cost of in-house legal services for each of the past three years?
Please provide annual details as well as a total three year cost.

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

Cost of in-house legal services

The total cost for CSIRO's in-house legal services comprised of the costs of the Legal group that is part of the corporate Business Development and Commercialisation group, as well as the costs of lawyers who are employed in the Divisions as part of their research support teams. The costs for the corporate Legal group in the three year period 2002 - 2005 (including salaries, other employment benefits, superannuation costs, travel allowances and other costs) were as follows:

| | 2002/03 | 2003/04 | 2004/05 |
|------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| | \$ 000 | \$ 000 | \$ 000 |
| Labour | 809 | 785 | 1,514 |
| Travel | 238 | 49 | 87 |
| Operating | 672 | 512 | 600 |
| Direct Overheads | 67 | 72 | 59 |
| Total | 1,788 | 1,418 | 2,260 |

In most Divisions, the costs of their in-house lawyers are included within the budget for other research support functions (e.g. the Divisional commercial group), and are not accounted for separately. However, the labour cost (salaries, other employment benefits, superannuation costs) of Divisional lawyers in 2004-05 is estimated to have been around \$1.9 M.