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SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2006-2007 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 3

Output Group: 3.2 – Assistance for collaboration and innovation

DEST Question No. E556_07

Senator Wong provided in writing.

Question:

Could DEST please provide an update on the CSIRO triennial funding process, including what stage negotiations are at now, timeline for negotiations and final agreement?

Have DEST or the Minister requested analyses and other documents from CSIRO in relation to the triennium process? Which documents? Please provide a copy.

Answer:

The current CSIRO Triennium Funding arrangement covers the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2007. The specific provisions of a new Funding Agreement will be negotiated following consideration in the 2007-08 budget process. It is intended that the new funding agreement will be in place for the beginning of the 2007-08 financial year.

CSIRO has recently commissioned the following reviews of its operations:

1. *Review of the Impact of Some Recent CSIRO Research Activities* - (a copy of this report is available at <http://www.csiro.au/files/files/pa78.pdf>);
2. *Review of the National Research Flagships - an initiative of CSIRO* (a copy of this report is available at <http://www.csiro.au/files/files/pa7w.pdf>).