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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: CSIRO

TOPIC: Education and Outreach Program

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Kim Carr

QUESTION No.: AI-110

1. What has been the impact of the freeze on CSIRO Education and outreach programs?
2. Did CSIRO engage Paili Consulting to do some work on education and outreach. Can you summarise what that work was and provide a copy of any reports arising from this consultancy?
3. What actions have been canvassed for CSIRO Education and outreach by management?

ANSWER

1. The interim recruitment arrangements came into effect from 31 October 2013. The impact of these arrangements on CSIRO's education and outreach programs is, as is the case for all of CSIRO, that CSIRO Education and those other parts of CSIRO who have responsibility for outreach activities, are required to review the necessity of each employment contract as its term expires. CSIRO Education has continued to deliver its programs since the introduction of these arrangements.
2. Yes, Paili Consulting was engaged to undertake a review of CSIRO's Education and Outreach activities. Paili Consulting was asked to provide an options analysis and recommendations for the future. The resulting report is at **Attachment A**.
3. CSIRO management is currently considering the report and consulting with staff and stakeholders.