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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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AGENCY: COMMONWEALTH SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH ORGANISATION

TOPIC: E&Y Communication Review

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Carr

QUESTION No.: AI-126

In reference to answer to question 5 of question on notice SI-150:

1. What is the Communication Review referred to awarded to Ernst & Young?
2. Why was the value of the contract Extended?
3. What were the outcomes of this contract?

ANSWER

1. In Question 5 of QoN SI-150, the Ernst and Young consultancy let in 2015-16 should have been titled 'Review of CSIRO's Science Prioritisation and Implementation Process'. As per page 3 of the report, this was a review of "...the governance, process, capability and organisational culture that contributed to the planning, management, delivery and communication of the FY16-17 science investment decisions."
2. CSIRO extended the contract with EY to ensure that all the required consultations could be completed by the EY team for the review, which was not possible within the original resourcing and timeline.
3. CSIRO received the 'Review of CSIRO's Science Prioritisation and Implementation Process' in August 2016 and the Chief Executive accepted all recommendations from the report.