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QUESTION No.: BI-195

How many staff currently employed in CSIRO education are forecast to lose their jobs under the new structure and how many Australian primary school students will miss out on science education in schools as a result of changes to CSIRO's education unit?

ANSWER

The CSIRO is not the primary provider of science education in primary schools. The CSIRO's activities in this space have been to support and enhance existing science education programs and lessons of individual schools. The CSIRO's education programs provided to primary schools are undertaken during existing times scheduled for science education - they do not replace science lessons.

Approximately 16 staff currently employed in the CSIRO Education are forecast to lose their jobs under the new structure. However, it is anticipated that this loss will be largely mitigated by the development of new programs funded by an external grant which may enable the redeployment of approximately 12 people to this new education project.