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TOPIC: Budget Impacts on the National Collections

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Senator CARR: In regard to the national collections, there is a range of them. What are the implications for the national collection of these reductions in budgets.

Dr Clark: I will take that on notice.

ANSWER

The CSIRO has forecast a reduction of approximately \$300k from the 2013-14 budget to apply to the national collections. The implications of this reduction in terms of staffing or operations are difficult to predict at the time of preparing this response as the CSIRO is working through the impact of this change. However, the intention is to maintain the collections and through the Atlas of Living Australia make them more available for researchers across Australia.