

Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Industry, Innovation and Science Portfolio
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: CSIRO

TOPIC: Efficiency dividends

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Carr

QUESTION No.: BI-110

1. The portfolio budget statement shows a reduction in the government appropriation of \$13.6 million over 2017-18 to 2019-20. Is this due to the efficiency dividend?
2. How do you propose to deal with this reduction?
3. Since MYEFO 2013-14 how much money has the CSIRO “lost” from efficiency dividends?

ANSWER

1. CSIRO’s appropriation reflects changes to government budget parameters announced by the Treasurer in the 2016-17 Budget which in part supported the establishment of the Government’s Modernisation Fund, combined with the specific allocation of additional funding provided through the Modernisation Fund to CSIRO’s Data61.
2. As the announcement relating to the budget parameters was made in the 2016-17 Budget, CSIRO has had twelve months to effectively manage these adjustments within its annual investment planning and budgeting process, without any new targeted savings measures.
3. Since MYEFO 2013-14, adjustments have been processed totaling \$19.1 million to CSIRO’s appropriation for the annual efficiency dividend, including any temporary increase, for the 2014-15 to 2016-17 financial years.