

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
Innovation, Industry, Science and Research Portfolio  
Budget Estimates Hearing 2010-11  
31 May 2010

---

**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** COMMONWEALTH SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH ORGANISATION

**TOPIC:** Entomology and Sustainable Ecosystems Divisions

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Eggleston

**QUESTION No.:** BI-55

What has been the financial impact of merging the Entomology and Sustainable Ecosystems divisions? How many jobs have been lost? Have any research programs been lost as a result of the merger? What is the financial impact of moving the divisions together? (*Canberra Times* on 9/4/2010 and 13/4/2010)

**ANSWER**

The merger of the Entomology and Sustainable Ecosystems divisions is expected to realise approximate savings of \$1 million.

No jobs have been lost as a result of the merger to date. However, the merger will generate efficiencies in support functions, the financial and workforce implications of which are still being ascertained.

No research programs will be lost as a result of the merger.

The decision on when to undertake the physical collocation of Canberra based staff of the merged division will be made over the next 12 months.