

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE – QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2003-2004 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: CSIRO
Output Group: - CSIRO

DEST Question No. E969_04

Senator Carr provided in writing

Question:

Many object to being relocated from Sydney, but a more fundamental objection is the destruction of a suite of laboratories that provided the critical mass for research in a sector that is important in export industries and which has been acknowledged as a world leader. Just what is the scientific value of such decisions?

What is the value of presiding over the destruction of such an important, integrated facility? It runs contrary to all your rhetoric.

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

Exploration and Mining

See answers to questions E771_04 and E966_04 – there has been no destruction of a suite of laboratories that provided a critical mass. The changes in CSIRO Exploration and Mining (CEM) are completely consistent with CSIRO's strategic intent to focus closer to market and major stakeholders.