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

Outcome: CSIRO
Output Group: CSIRO

DEST Question No. E233_04

Senator Carr asked on 4 June 2003.

Question:

- (a) Please provide details of the business plan and budget, together with the initial case and related papers for the Light Metals flagship approved by the Flagship Oversight Committee?
- (b) What budget has been allocated to this flagship for 2003/04?

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

Light Metals Flagship

- (a) A copy of the Light Metals Flagship business plan and operational plans for 2002/3 and 2003/4, which were presented to the Flagship Oversight Committee in November 2002, and documents prepared in accordance with CSIRO's program performance framework (presented to the Committee in March 2003) have been provided in response to E230_04.

The other document presented to the Flagship Oversight Committee in November 2002 provided a summary of the Light Metals Flagship program, a financial summary, a draft statement on background intellectual property and details of peer reviews of various elements of the research program. A copy of that document is attached. That document refers to IP matters that have some degree of potential commercial sensitivity or confidentiality. It is therefore requested that the document be kept confidential to the Senate Estimates Committee.

- (b) The Appropriation allocation to the Light Metals Flagship approved by the Flagship Oversight Committee for 2003/4 is \$8.25 million. This consists of \$7 million in Direct Appropriation and \$1.25 million in Leveraged Appropriation (see answer to E230_04 (c)). Projects will be initiated consistent with this budget.