

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

### SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE – QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2004-2005 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

**Outcome:** CSIRO  
**Output Group:** - CSIRO

#### DEST Question No. E241\_05

Senator Carr provided in writing.

#### Question:

[Refers to answer E765\_04] In relation to objective 3.2, when do you expect to finally develop a measure for government engagement and satisfaction with CSIRO?

Who is responsible for developing this measure?

When do you believe it will be ready?

#### Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

#### *Strategic Plan performance indicators*

Dr Michael Barber, Executive Director, Science Planning, has previously been responsible for reporting against this objective. Government satisfaction and engagement with CSIRO has been judged by a range of measures, which include:

- The demand for advice from government including membership of high level Committees (including PMSEIC, CCST, COAG working groups), invitations to provide briefings and seminars and requests for submissions to enquiries. CSIRO provided more than 20 submissions to a range of government and Parliamentary reviews during 2003/04.
- The degree to which CSIRO advice is reflected in policy development.
- Both formal and informal engagement with Ministers, Departmental Secretaries, other agency heads, Ministerial and departmental staff.

Ultimately, Australian Government satisfaction is evidenced by its recent decision to invest \$305 million in the Flagship Initiative and \$1.7 billion for three year baseline funding.

For 2004/05, Donna Staunton, Executive Director, Communication, will be responsible for reporting against this objective. A formal survey of government and parliamentary stakeholders' satisfaction with CSIRO will be developed and implemented in the 2004/05 financial year. It is expected that this will provide quantitative and qualitative baseline measures for progress monitoring going forward.