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**SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE – QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
2005-2006 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING**

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Senator Carr asked on 1 June 2005, EWRE Hansard page 79.

Question:

Senator Carr: Are you able to give me the full cost, then, of running the IP portfolio?

Mr Whelan: Not off the top of my head.

Senator Carr: Would you take that on notice please? The projections in the targeted financial scenarios say that the IP revenue will increase to \$46 million in 2005-06 and to \$73 million in 2006-07. What is your view? Will you be able to do that?

Mr Whelan: The current forward estimates are broadly consistent with that.

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

Costs of running the IP portfolio

In 2003/04, the cost of statutory protection of CSIRO's intellectual property (that is, the amount spent by Divisions in external legal fees for patents and/or copyrights, including patent and copyright prosecution, maintenance, and interference costs) was a total of \$5,546,109, of which \$1,696,873 was reimbursed by licensees/assignees and by co-owners. This data has been sourced from the 2003/04 CSIRO Commercialisation Survey.