

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: CSIRO
Output Group: CSIRO

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Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

Has any independent cost benefit analysis of the Business Development and Commercialisation unit ever been undertaken?

Can you provide the details of this, including the costs of set-up and maintenance of the unit?

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

CSIRO Business Development and Commercialisation – Independent Cost Benefit Analysis

No independent cost benefit analysis of the Business Development and Commercialisation group has been conducted. The requirements by CSIRO for the activities conducted by this group in relation to the Strategic Plan, and costs of the group, are considered on an annual basis by the senior management team during the annual budgetary process. In recent years it has been judged appropriate to increase or maintain the group's resources consistent with its various responsibilities and objectives in the organisation's Strategic Plan.