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SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2006-2007 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: CSIRO

Output Group: CSIRO

DEST Question No. E436_07

Senator Wong provided in writing.

Question:

What is the cost of pursuing and protecting CSIRO's IP? Please include legal and other relevant costs for each year since 2000.

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

Legal costs

The gross costs incurred by CSIRO relating to Patent Attorney and associates' costs and disbursements for registering, securing and protecting IP which is either owned outright by CSIRO, or jointly owned by CSIRO and a third party, is shown in the table below. Included in the table are the reimbursements received from co-owner(s) of CSIRO IP for their share of the costs relating to Patent Attorney and associates' costs and disbursements for registering, securing and protecting IP. The net costs to CSIRO, being the gross costs from which have been deducted the reimbursements, are also shown.

Category	2000/2001	2001/2002	2002/2003	2003/2004	2004/2005	2005/2006
Net costs	5,118,863	5,226,472	5,353,075	4,352,561	4,451,030	6,316,183