

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

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Portfolio: Agribusiness and Aquaculture

Agency: Industry, Tourism and Trade

Subject: Research and Services Contracts

QUESTION:

On page 100, Budget Paper No 3, there has been a reduction of \$609,000 from Research and Services Contracts. Can you explain what these contracts entailed?

ANSWER:

The reduction of \$609,000 in revenue budget for Research and Services Contracts from \$4.188 million in 2020-21 to \$3.579 million in 2021-22, predominately relates to the contracts listed below, the work program for the majority of which had been completed. In some instances, the new agreements or contract extension for 2021-22 had not yet been finalised at the time of publishing the budget.

Details of Research and services contracts	2020-21 Revenue Estimate	2021-22 Revenue Budget	Variation
Farm economics contributions to Roper River Water Resource Assessment, Agriculture and Socio-economics Technical Report	\$35,000	\$0	-\$35,000
Processing jackfruit into ready-to-eat products and ingredients	\$200,000	\$0	-\$200,000
Profitable feeding strategies for cattle - Cassava	\$76,000	\$0	-\$76,000
Development of safety training modules Aboriginal Coastal Licence holders	\$29,000	\$0	-\$29,000
Implementation of an on-farm biosecurity program	\$37,000	\$0	-\$37,000
Installation and ongoing assessment of a termite research trial	\$20,000	\$0	-\$20,000
Development of a National Diagnostic Protocol for termites in the genus <i>Coptotermes</i>	\$42,000	\$0	-\$42,000
A feasibility study to investigate and develop traps for exotic invasive ant species based on pheromone attractants	\$50,000	\$0	-\$50,000
Investigation of possible vectors of African Horse Sickness Virus in northern Australia	\$25,000	\$0	-\$25,000
Antimicrobial resistance project	\$25,000	\$0	-\$25,000
Provision of diagnostic laboratory services and molecular work related to target pests and diseases	\$66,000	\$0	-\$66,000
Other*	\$4,000	\$0	-\$4,000
Total	\$609,000	\$0	-\$609,000

*includes minor variations across multiple research and services contracts