

Answers to Questions from CSIRO Spokesperson

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1. For how long is Jim's appointment as Chief Scientist?

This is a matter for the government. CSIRO is not in a position to answer.

2. What is his title and role within CSIRO now?

CSIRO Fellow leading key science initiatives across CSIRO.

3. Is this as a part-time staff post or a contract and for what period is his part-time appointment/engagement?

At present it is a full time position.

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[On question 5 we don't reveal salary details of our staff](#)

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In his capacity in leading key science initiatives across CSIRO, working with the Chief Executive, Jim Peacock has been involved with such activities as Divisional Science Reviews, the new Science Investment Process, and the appointment of leading mid-career scientists to CSIRO Divisions. He also is continuing his research on the control of gene action through epigenetic processes and research aimed at improving crops. Jim will be roughly half-time at CSIRO.

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All the detail I have at the moment is that there are currently 5 CSIRO Fellows. They may be appointed for a fixed term of up to 5 years, which can be renewed.

CSIRO Fellow is an award-based classification. Promotion/appointment to a CSIRO Fellow recognises demonstrated international eminence in a significant field of science or engineering. As such, it is not associated with any designated or special role and it does not impose additional obligations or responsibilities on the individuals concerned.