

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

### SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE – QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2003-2004 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING

**Outcome:** 3

**Output Group:** 3.2 – Assistance for science collaboration and innovation

#### **DEST Question No. E751\_04 – Revised**

Senators Carr and Stott Despoja asked on 18 February 2004, EWRE Hansard page 11.

#### **Question:**

Invitation for the Chief Scientist to appear before the Committee

#### **Answer:**

*Chief Scientist to appear before the Committee*

The previous advice issued by the Hon Peter McGauran applies. In his letter of 22 March 2004 to Mr John Carter, Secretary, Senate Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Committee, Minister McGauran stated:

“I wish to confirm earlier advice conveyed to you by Dr Jeff Harmer, Secretary of the Department, dated 17 February 2004 that it is not appropriate for the Chief Scientist to appear before Senate committees.”

A copy of Minister McGauran’s letter is attached for further information.