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

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Senator Carr asked on 18 February 2004, EWRE Hansard page 101.

Question:

Is it the case that New South Wales Forests continues to claim that they were an importer and that they instructed AQIS to destroy the material, but that Dr MacRae countermanded their instructions to AQIS?

Answer:

Forestry and Forest Products

CSIRO is not aware of a claim by State Forests of New South Wales that it was an importer and that they instructed AQIS to destroy the material. The instruction to destroy the material came from Stora Enso as the material owner – on behalf of Stora Enso Dr MacRae sought, and was granted, a few days delay in confirming destruction while final discussions about possible research collaboration took place. At no time did Dr MacRae countermand the Stora Enso decision to destroy the material. The material was then destroyed by AQIS.