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

Outcome: CSIRO
Output Group: - CSIRO

DEST Question No. E952_04

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

Can CSIRO provide genomic sequence or other evidence to put beyond any doubt that the WSMV outbreak was neither directly nor indirectly connected with the strain that CSIRO was seeking to import?

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

Wheat Streak Mosaic Virus

Yes. The sequence attached compares the Wheat Streak Mosaic Virus (WSMV) strain isolated in Canberra to the WSMV expression clone CSIRO applied to the OGTR for a licence to import. (See also answer to question E951_04.)