

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

**Outcome:** CSIRO  
**Output Group:** - CSIRO

#### **DEST Question No. E955\_04**

Senator Carr provided in writing.

#### **Question:**

What brief has been given to Dr Annabelle Duncan in her role as “coordinator of security” within CSIRO?

#### **Answer:**

CSIRO has provided the following response.

#### *Security Issues*

Dr Duncan is not CSIRO’s “coordinator of security”. Dr Duncan was invited to sit as CSIRO’s representative on the Steering Committee that oversees the PM&C SET Counter-terrorism Unit.

Security-related research in CSIRO is coordinated by the Secure Australia Cross Divisional Program, which aims to act as a single point of contact for security-related R&D in CSIRO. The position of Coordinator for this program recently became vacant due to the incumbent, Dr Ian Sare, taking up a senior role outside of CSIRO. Dr Greg Simpson was appointed as his replacement in mid-April. Broadly speaking, his role will involve documenting, coordinating, and facilitating CSIRO’s research in the area of the Safeguarding Australia National Research Priority – “Safeguarding Australia from terrorism, crime, invasive diseases and pests, strengthening our understanding of Australia’s place in the region and the world, and securing our infrastructure, particularly with respect to our digital systems”.