

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: CSIRO
Output Group: - CSIRO

DEST Question No. E971_04

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

In relation to consultancies awarded to Groman, you have argued that CSIRO has a robust system but that its operations could have been better.

To that end, could you:

Identify all those instances in which you believe the application of the system could have been done better.

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

Engagement of Groman Consulting Group

As detailed in evidence given to the Committee at the hearing on 18 February, for each consultancy assignment conducted by Mr Dean, while the approval process was sound (including the completion of pre-contract assessments and the assessment of conflict of interest) there was not always appropriate documentation of this. In addition, for the three assignments undertaken prior to the introduction of the new CSIRO procurement policy in January 2003, where a certificate of exemption was still required, this was not appropriately documented.