

**EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING**

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

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

**DEST Question No. E977\_04**

Senator Carr provided in writing.

**Question:**

You state that before 2003 discretion in the choice of procurement was more restricted. Please provide the Certificates of exemption from tendering for all of the Groman consultancies worth more than \$50,000?

**Answer:**

CSIRO has provided the following response.

*Engagement of Groman Consulting Group*

In terms of the then-prevailing procurement policy relevant to Mr Dean's first three assignments, Mr Dean was engaged under exemption from tendering criteria related to: expediency and value for money; the needs of the organisation for the urgent implementation of an important component of its strategy; Dr Garrett's knowledge of Mr Dean's excellent track record of delivery in the international marketplace of R&D organisations similar to CSIRO; and the fact that earlier market testing processes by CSIRO had failed to identify other suitable suppliers. However, as per the answer to question E971\_04, this was not appropriately documented. Formal certificates of exemption are therefore not available.