

**EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING**

**SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
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**Outcome:** CSIRO

**Output Group:** CSIRO

**DEST Question No. E557\_05**

Senator Carr provided in writing.

**Question:**

Have IT staff been asked to provide personal information to CSIRO management similar to that required for security clearance within the public service?

If that is the case, what is the reason for requiring this information?

**Answer:**

CSIRO has provided the following response.

*IT staff request for personal information*

A number of CSIRO IT staff have been asked to complete the security clearance forms prescribed in the *Commonwealth Protective Security Manual -2000* in order to obtain a security clearance. This is the same process used by all Commonwealth Departments and Agencies. The completed forms, which contain personal information, are not available for the use of CSIRO management.

CSIRO management has not sought any other personal information from its IT staff over and above that provided by all staff on their appointment to the organisation.