

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

### SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2004-2005 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING

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

#### DEST Question No. E596\_05

Senator Carr provided in writing.

#### Question:

- a) Can you confirm that the tenure of Dr Neil Phillips as head of CSIRO Mining and exploration has been terminated?
- b) What were the reasons for this?
- c) Is Dr Phillips still employed by CSIRO?  
If so, what are his responsibilities?
- d) Is Dr Phillips still being paid by CSIRO?  
If so, for how long will this arrangement continue?

#### Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

*Dr Neil Phillips*

- a) Yes.
- b) Dr Phillips' contract as Chief of CSIRO's Exploration and Mining Division was terminated due to difficulties with the acceptance and implementation of his vision for the Division, the need to locate the Chief's Office with the bulk of the Division's staff in Brisbane or Perth and his desire to continue an active involvement in research.
- c) Dr Phillips is still employed by CSIRO. His current work involves completing obligations for scientific conferences, writing up the results of research for the scientific literature and involvement with research projects on the formation of gold deposits.
- d) Yes. His contract with CSIRO is until December 2005.