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

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Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

Dr Garrett advised the Committee that he had discussed possible appointments with "communications professionals", board members and others. Please provide a complete list of all consulted on this matter by CSIRO Executive members?

Was Ms Staunton consulted on this matter?

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

Director Communications/Appointment

The reference to consultations with "communications professionals" etc made by Dr Garrett at the February 2005 Estimates was in relation to CSIRO's interactions with Dr Peter Pockley, not to any possible staff appointments.

However, as a general comment, during a senior recruitment process it would be typical for a responsible senior executive, as the occasion permits, to canvass amongst senior and knowledgeable contacts, the availability of possible suitable candidates that an executive search firm might approach. Detailed lists of such contacts are not kept.

The Chief Executive also routinely discusses executive recruitment and succession planning with the Board Chairman and the Board.

No prospective or potential appointees were discussed with Ms Staunton.