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

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

**DEST Question No. E616\_05**

Senator Carr provided in writing.

**Question:**

Was the appointment of Mr Steven Murphy discussed with any members of the Executive arm of government?

If so, with who and when?

At what precise point in the selection process was Mr Murphy excluded?

**Answer:**

CSIRO has provided the following response.

*Director Communications/Appointment*

Yes, as part of the due diligence process around senior appointments of this nature, it is not unusual to consult with a range of stakeholders. In this case, this included the Minister for Science, the Hon Peter McGauran. Dr Ron Sandland spoke to the Minister on 22 September 2003.

Following consideration of all inputs, internal and external, the decision was taken in October 2003 to not appoint Mr Murphy to the position of Director Communications.