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SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2005-2006 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 3

Output Group: 3.2 – Assistance for science collaboration and innovation.

DEST Question No. E1108_06

Senator Stephens provided in writing.

Question:

How were the 2 new appointees chosen to be on the CSIRO Board? Did CSIRO Board send its recommended nominees to the Minister for approval? Did the Minister (former or current) suggest any names? How many? When were they chosen or recommended to the Minister by the Board? When did the Minister approve them?

Answer:

Selection of CSIRO Board appointments

An executive search agency was engaged to identify suitable candidates to the CSIRO Board. The Chairman of the Board sent the nominations to the former Minister.

Appointments to the CSIRO Board are subject to Cabinet processes as set out in chapter 6 of the Cabinet Handbook.