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

Outcome: CSIRO

Output Group: CSIRO

DEST Question No. E945_06

Senator Stott Despoja provided in writing.

Refers to DEST Question No. E934_06.

Question:

Please provide details of when Dr Graeme Pearman is alleged to have flouted CSIRO guidelines on public comment in the public arena.

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

Dr Graeme Pearman and Public Comment

The 1997 CSIRO Guidelines stated that "CSIRO...does not publicly comment on adopted government or opposition policy" (See p.5 of 1997 Guidelines in E934_06).

Dr Pearman, contrary to the instruction he received from Dr Morton on this issue, did comment on Government policy through his formal association with the Australian Climate Group and its report entitled "Climate Change Solutions for Australia" (released on 5 July 2004).